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1923 - 1959

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Record Book for
Smithfield Local Meeting
on Ministry ^{and} Oversight
4th month 1923 to 9th month 1959

4-25-23

Local Meeting, on Ministry and Oversight - Held 4th Nov 25th 1923 at the home of Alice R. Cranston. The records of the last meeting have been read also the Queries, and we appoint Mary B. Smith Josephine Todd, W. Elton Trueblood and Bertha V. Morse as our representatives to the Quarterly Meeting, on Ministry and Oversight to be held 15th Nov 12th. They are requested to attend to their appointment and report to our next meeting. The representatives to our last meeting report that all but one attended. Our business being accomplished we conclude.

Mary B. Smith
Clerk.

7-25-23

Local Meeting, on Ministry and Oversight - Held 7th Nov 25th 1923 at the home of Alice R. Cranston. The records of our last meeting have been read also the Queries. As none of our members expect to attend Quarterly Meeting no one was appointed. All but one of our representatives attended the last Quarterly Meeting.

We recommend to the Monthly Meeting that the Meeting House be kept open through the month of August while our Pastor D. Elton Truittford is away on his vacation.

Our business being accomplished we conclude.

Mary J. Smith Clerk.

10-24-23

Local Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held 10th Nov 24th 1923 at the home of Alice R. Cranston. The records of the last meeting have been read and we appoint Alice R. Cranston, Josephine Todd, Mary J. Smith, Melbie Phillips and Parker H. Read as our representatives to the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight to be held at Wrentham 11th Nov 10th 1923. They are requested to attend to their appointment and report at our next meeting.

Melba B. Fisher and Mary J. Smith are appointed a committee from this meeting to operate with a similar committee from the Monthly Meeting to present to said meeting the names of suitable persons to serve as Elders for the term of three years.

We note with pleasure the stand taken by our Attorney General Herbert L. Carpenter, on the Probit question, and recommend that the Clerk of the Monthly Meeting notify him of our hearty approval. Our business being accomplished we conclude.

Mary J. Smith Clerk.

4-26-24

Local Meeting on Ministry and Oversight - Held 4th Mo 26th 1924

The records of the last meeting have been read also the Queres, and we appoint Merrick F. Walling, Melita B. Fisher, Josephine Todd, Mary J. Smith as our representatives to the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight. They are requested to attend to their appointment and report at our next meeting.

The representatives to the last meeting report that all but one attended. Our business being accomplished we conclude.

Mary J. Smith
Clerk.

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P.C. 4-26-24

Meeting of the Pastoral Committee
held 4th Mo 26th 1924
Application for membership in our
Society have been received from
Adam Owen Jr. Lester Tabor, Martha
Mowry, Austin Wilson, Mary Wilson,
and Sadie Wilson, the last three
with a letter from the Baptist Church.
After careful consideration we are
united in recommending to the Monthly
Meeting that these requests be granted.
Mary J. Smith
Clerk.

P.C. 7-24-24

Meeting of the Pastoral Committee
held 7th Mo 24th 1924
The following letter was sent to the
Monthly Meeting. To Smithfield Monthly
Meeting of Friends, Dear Friends,
we have been informed that R. Elton
Trueblood is not to continue his services
with us. After careful consideration
we are united in recommending that
Harold W. Myers be asked to stay with us
for the year. Believing it to be for the
best interest of our Meeting, that we
have a resident Minister, and realizing
the increasing trouble of finding a
tenement, we earnestly recommend that
the Monthly Meeting take some action in
regard to building a house for our
Ministers. Mary J. Smith
Clerk.

Local Meeting, on Ministry and Oversight
held 10th Nov 15th 1924 At the
home of James S. Read.

The records of the last meeting have
been read and we appoint James S.
Read, Josephine Todd, and Nellie
Phillips as our representatives to the
Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight
to be held 11th 15th at Woonsocket.

They are requested to attend to their
appointment and report at our next
meeting. The representatives to our last
meeting report that all attended.

Bertha V. Morse and Sarah M. Shedd
are appointed a committee from this
meeting to cooperate with a similar
committee from the Monthly Meeting
to present to said Meeting the
names of suitable persons to serve
as Elders for the term of three years.

Harold W. Myers told us about the
Evangelistic campaign that is to be
carried out by the Protestant Churches
of Woonsocket for Church Loyalty.

We approve of the movement and the
following letter was sent to the Monthly
Meeting. Dear Friends, your meeting on
Ministry and Oversight approve of the
Evangelistic campaign for Church Loyalty to
be carried out by the Protestant Churches of
Woonsocket from Nov 9th to 23rd inclusive.
and recommend that the Friends Meeting

cooperate with them. Our business being accomplished we conclude.

Mary J. Smith
Clerk.

P.C. 2-28-25

Meeting of the Pastoral Committee
2nd Mo 28th 1925

Requests for membership in our Society have been received from Adah Ewen & Leona A. Ewen, Walter Symes, Catharine Symes, and a letter from the Methodist Church of Wornochet recommending to our fellowship, Ada R. Farr. After careful consideration we are united in recommending to the Monthly Meeting that these requests be granted.

Mary J. Smith
Chairman.

P.C. 4-11-25

Meeting of the Pastoral Committee
4th Mo 11th 1925

Requests for membership in the Society of Friends have been received from Ann P. Aldrich, Francis H. Robbins, Bertha S. Robbins, and Francis H. Robbins Jr. also a letter from the Glot Congregational Church of Wornochet recommending to our care and fellowship Edith P. Morry. The committee recommends that these requests be granted, and that this communication be sent to the Monthly Meeting for their approval.

Mary J. Smith
Chairman.

4-25-25

Local Meeting, on Ministry and Oversight
Held 4th Mo 25th 1925

The records of the last meeting have been read, also the queries, and we appoint Josephine Todd, Melita B. Fisher, Mary J. Smith, and Joseph C. Ester, as our representatives to the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight to be held in Worcester Bth Mo 16th 1925. They are requested to attend to their appointment and report at our next meeting. The representatives to our last meeting report that all attended.

Harold W. Myers expressed a concern that more members attend the business meetings, and Sarah M. Shedd was appointed to draw up a letter encouraging our members to attend.

Our business being accomplished we conclude.

Mary J. Smith
Clerk.

7-25-25

Local Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.
Held 7th Mo 25th 1925

No one present but the Clerk.

Mary J. Smith Clerk.

10-31-25

Local Meeting on Ministry and Oversight
Held 10th Mo 31st 1925

The records of the last meeting have been read also the queries, and we appoint Mary J. Smith, Sarah M. Shedd

Joseph C. Ester, and James S. Read
as representatives to the Quarterly Meeting
on Ministry and Oversight to be held at
Woonsocket 11th Mo 1925

They are requested to attend to their
appointment and report to our next meeting
Melita B. Fisher, and Sarah M. Shedd
are appointed a committee from this
meeting to cooperate with a similar
committee from the Monthly Meeting to
present to said Meeting the names of
suitable persons to serve as Elders for
the term of three years.

The committee appointed in 4th Mo
report that letters encouraging them
to attend the business meetings had been
sent to each family.

Anna Josephine Todd, a member of this
meeting died September 4th 1925
We miss her cheerful presence, her kind
and loving counsel.

Our business being accomplished we conclude.

Mary J. Smith

Clerk.

4-24-26

Local Meeting on Ministry and Oversight
held 4th 24th 1926

The records of the last meeting have been
read, also the queries, and we appoint
Mary J. Smith, Joseph C. Ester and
Melita B. Fisher representatives to
attend the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry

Oversight to be held at Worcester
on 5th Mo 15th 1926 They are
requested to attend to their appoint-
ment and report at our next meeting
The representatives to our last
meeting report that all attended.
Our business being accomplished
we conclude.

Mary J. Smith
Clerk.

7-31-26

Local Meeting, on Ministry and Oversight
held 7th Mo 31st 1926

The records of the last meeting
have been read also the Queries
and we appoint Joseph C. Estes
Harold W. Myers, Mary J. Smith
and Merriek F. Walling as represent-
atives to attend the Quarterly
Meeting, on Ministry and Oversight
to be held at Bolton 8th Mo 14th
They are requested to attend to
their appointment and report
at our next meeting. The represent-
atives to our last meeting report
that two attended. Our business
being accomplished we conclude.

Mary J. Smith
Clerk.

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10-28-26

Local Meeting on Ministry and Oversight - held 10th Nov 28th 1926
The records of the last Meeting have been read, also the Querie, and we appoint - Bertha V. Morse, Nellie Phillips, Alice R. Cranston, James S. Read, and Mary J. Smith, as our representatives to the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight to be held at Woonsocket 11th Nov 13th 1926. They are requested to attend to their appointment and report at our next meeting. The representatives to our last meeting report that all but one attended - Sarah M. Shedd, and Arthur C. Pendleton are appointed as a committee from this meeting to cooperate with a similar committee from the Monthly Meeting to present to said Meeting the names of suitable persons to serve as Elders for the term of three years. Our business being accomplished we conclude.

Mary J. Smith
Clerk.

4-30-27

Local Meeting on Ministry and Oversight
held 4th Nov. 30th 1927.
The records of our last Meeting have been read, also the Querie,

and we appoint Harold W. Myers
Joseph C. Ester, Melita B. Fisher
as our representatives to attend
the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry
and Oversight to be held at
Worcester 5th Mo 14th 1927.

They are requested to attend to
their appointment and report
at our next meeting.

The representatives to our last
Meeting report that three attended.
Our business being accomplished we
conclude.

Mary D. Smith
Clerk.

7-30-27

Local Meeting on Ministry and
Oversight held 7th Mo 31st 1927

The records of our last Meeting have
been read, also the Querie, and
we appoint Harold W. Myers.

Melita B. Fisher as our represent-
atives to the Quarterly Meeting
to be held at Bolton on 8th Mo
13th 1927. They are requested
to attend to their appointment
and report at our next meeting.

The representatives to our last
meeting report that all attended.
Harold W. Myers is to remain
with us another year as our
Pastor. This meeting has

received a request from Mrs. P. Mowbray that she be received into full membership with us. The members of the Pastoral committee who were present recommend to the Monthly Meeting that this request be granted.

Since our last Meeting, two of our members have passed away. Alice R. Granston died on July 18th 1927. She was regular in her attendance at our Meetings and we shall miss her kindly presence and Christian counsel.

Dorcas H. Babcock, for many years Clerk of this Meeting and a beloved Elder, died July 23rd 1927, Aged 86 years.

No services are to be held during the month of August. The Bible School also being closed.

Our business being accomplished we conclude

Mary J. Smith.
Clerk.

10-29-27

The local Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held 13th Nov 9th 1927. The records of our last meeting have been read, also the Queries, and we appoint Sarah M. Shedd, James S. Read, Nellie Phillips, Merick F. Halling and Arthur C. Cundleton as our

representatives to the Quarterly Meeting, on Ministry and Oversight to be held in Worcester 11th Mr 12th 1927. They are requested to attend to their appointment and report at our next meeting. The representatives to the last meeting report that all attended. Our business being accomplished we conclude.

Mary J. Smith.

4-28-28

Local meeting, on Ministry, and Oversight held 4th Mr 28th 1928.

The records of our last meeting have been read also the Minutes, and we appoint Melita B. Fisher, Mary J. Smith, Arthur B. Farr, and Joseph C. Ester, as our representatives to attend the Quarterly Meeting, on Ministry and Oversight to be held in Worcester 5th Mr 12th 1928.

They are requested to attend to their appointment and report at our next meeting.

Sarah Martha Shedd a member of this meeting for many years died on March 6th 1928.

She was loyal to the meeting conscientious in her daily life and

and faithful to the call of duty.

As a Pastoral committee we received a communication from Harold W. Myers, informing us that his service with us would close in 8th Mo. 1928. We unite in recommending that his resignation be accepted.

No other business appearing we conclude.

Mary J. Smith
Clerk.

7-28-28

Local Meeting on Ministry and Oversight
Held 7th Mo 28th 1928.

The records of our last meeting have been read also the Minutes, and we appoint Arthur B. Farr Harold W. Myers Joseph C. Oster as our representatives to the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight to be held in Bolton 8th Mo 11th 1928.

The representatives to the last meeting report that all attended. As the Clerk of this meeting wishes to resign her Clerkship, Arthur B. Farr is appointed a committee to bring forward the name of a suitable person to serve in that capacity. Our business being accomplished we conclude proposing to meet in 10th Mo next.

Mary J. Smith Clerk.

Local meeting on Ministry and Oversight, held 10th Nov 27th 1928

In the absence of the Clerk, Joseph C. Ester was asked to serve. The minutes of the last meeting were read, after the Queries.

Nellie Phillips, Joseph C. Ester, Arthur B. Farr, and Melita B. Fisher were appointed as our representatives to attend the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight to be held in Worcester 11th Nov 10th. They are desired to attend to their appointment and report to our next meeting.

The representatives to our last meeting report that one attended. Melita B. Fisher and Joseph C. Ester are appointed to co-operate with a committee appointed by the Monthly Meeting to nominate a person for the position of Elder. There being no other business we conclude.

Joseph C. Ester
Clerk for the day

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12-29-28

Local Meeting, on Ministry and Oversight held 12th Mo 29th 1928
The minutes of the last meeting have been read. The representatives appointed to attend the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight report that three attended.

We are glad to welcome Alfred E. Standing and Wife to our meeting to our meeting. He is to serve us as Pastor for the next year.

A letter ^{was} received from Thomas Wood, with suggestions for reaching, and serving our absent members. It received our careful consideration. The Pastor will send letters to the absent members, and we will give it further consideration at our next meeting.

A letter from Thomas J. Blatty, with copy of Max S. Reich's address "Shepherd Service" has been read. There being no other business we conclude.

Mary J. Smith
Clerk.

Local Meeting on Ministry, and
 Sermon held 2nd Mo 2nd 1929
 The records of the last meeting have
 been read, and we have given
 further consideration to the question
 of reaching and serving our absent
 members.

The attendance at the morning
 meetings for worship is good, and
 a number of children are present
 each first-day.

We note with pleasure that even-
 ing services are being held by
 the young people, taking up the
 Christian Endeavor topics.

With the coming of Alfred E. Standing
 and Wife, we have been encouraged
 to form a Missionary Society,
 and will take up the study of
 Home and Foreign work.

Our business being accomplished
 we conclude.

Mary J. Smith
 Clerk.

4-27-29

Local Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held 4th Mo. 27/29
 The records of the last meeting have been read also the Quorum and we appoint Mabel A. Thayer, Melinda B. Fisher, Arthur B. Kerr, as our representatives to the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight to be held at Worcester 5th Mo 11th they are requested to attend to their appointment and report at our next meeting.

The representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting report that all attended. The committee appointed in 7th 28-1928 to bring forward the name of some one to serve as clerk, recommended that the present clerk continue to serve. The meeting unites with this recommendation.

The report to the Yearly Meeting on the state of Society has been read and considered.

Our business being accomplished we conclude.

Mary J. Smith
 Clerk

7-26-29

Local Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held 7th Mo 26th 1929.
 The records for the last meeting have been read also the Minutes and we appoint Joseph C. Ester, Arthur B. Farr, Albert E. Todd, Melila B. Fisher, as our representatives to attend the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight to be held at Bolton 8th Mo 40th 1929 they are requested to attend to their appointment and report at our next meeting.

The representatives to our last meeting report that all attended. Our business being accomplished we conclude.

Mary J. Smith
 Clerk

P.C. 8-1-29

The Pastoral committee received a letter from Alfred C. Standing resigning his work with us the same to take effect Aug 1st 1929.

We were united in recommending to the monthly meeting that his resignation be accepted.

Mary J. Smith
 Clerk.

10-26-29

Local Meeting on Ministry and Oversight Held Oct 26th 1929
 The records of the last meeting have been read, also the Querris and we appoint, Mary J. Smith, Albert E. Todd, Nellie Phillips, Arthur C. Pendleton, Melita K. Fisher, as our representatives to attend the Quarterly meeting on Ministry and Oversight to be held at Woonsocket Nov 9th 1929 They are requested to attend to their appointment and report at our next meeting.

The representatives to our last meeting report that I attended.

Mrs. A. Thayer and Albert E. Todd are appointed a committee from this meeting to cooperate with a similar committee from the monthly meeting to present to said meeting the names of suitable persons to serve as elders for the term of three years.

Our business being accomplished we conclude.

Mary J. Smith

Parson

Clerk

12^{mo} 1929

In December the committee appointed Joseph C. Estes, Albert E. Todd, Mary J. Smith to furnish supplies for the morning meeting

Local Meeting on Ministers
and Oversight held 4th Apr 26
1930. The records of the last
meeting have been read, also
the Querris, and we appoint
Mable A. Thayer, Melinda B. Fisher
Arthur B. Farr, Albert E. Todd,
as our representatives to attend
the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry
and Oversight to be held
at Worcester 5th Mo 10th 1930
they are requested to attend
to their appointment, and
report at our next meeting.
The representatives to our
last meeting report that all
but one attended.

A report on the spiritual
condition of our meeting
has been read and approved.
We are glad to note the
increase in attendance at the
first day meeting, also that
Paul T. Sturges is to be with
us as Pastor until Sept. 1st
1931. Our business being
accomplished we conclude.

Mary J. Smith
Clerk.

7-26-30

Local Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held 7th Nov 26-1930
 The records of the last meeting have been read also the Queries and we appoint Arthur B. Farr, Albert E. Todd, Mabel A. Thayer as our representatives to attend the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight to be held at Bolton 8th Nov 9th.

They are requested to attend to their appointment and report at our next meeting. The representatives to the last meeting report that all attended. Mabel A. Thayer and Joseph C. Estes are appointed a committee from this meeting to cooperate with a similar Committee from the Monthly Meeting, to present to said meeting the names of suitable persons to serve as Elders for three years.

The interest in our morning meeting for worship is good. Strangers coming in each first day, and our members are more regular in attendance.

A three weeks daily vacation Bible School has been held with an average attendance of fifty. The Pastor, Paul L. Sturges, and Teachers with other helpers have given freely of their time and strength.

A concern was expressed that some meetings in Woonsocket might be held in the Friends Meeting House at East Blackstone. We were in unity with that concern and recommend that the monthly meeting take some action.

No services are to be held during the month of August, the Bible School also being closed.

No other business appearing we conclude.

Mary J. Smith
Clerk.

10-25-30

Local Meeting on Ministry and Oversight - Held 10th Mo 25th 1930

The records of our last meeting have been read. Also the Quercit, and we appoint Nellie Phillips, Arthur C. Lindleton, Eunice H. Meader,

Arthur B. Larr, Melita B. Fisher as our representatives to attend the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight to be held in Woonsocket 11th Mo the 9th 1930

They are requested to attend to their appointment and report at our next meeting.

The representatives to our last meeting report that all but one attended.

Our young people have formed a choir, and the singing adds much to our morning meeting for worship. We are glad to note that the young friends discussion group has been reorganized.

Also that a new Hallelu board is to be placed on the meeting house, the money for the same being taken from the interest of the Gertrude Pinkham fund. No other business offering we conclude.

Mary J. Smith
Clerk.

P.C. 2-28-31

At a meeting of the Pastoral Committee held 2nd Nov 28th 1931
We were united in recommending to the monthly meeting that Paul L. Sturges be asked to remain with us until Sept. 1st 1932

Mary J. Smith
Clerk.

P.C. 3-28-31

At a meeting of the Pastoral Committee held March 28th 1931
requests for membership with us were received from E. Howard Dickey Robert Williams, Laureston Smith

Leslie B. Felt, also letters from David Willson, Edna Heath and Bessie F. Cowen. After careful consideration we were united in recommending to the Monthly Meeting that these requests be granted.

Mary J. Smith
Shuk.

4-25-31

Local Meeting in Ministry and Oversight,
held 4th Mo 25th 1931

The records of our last meeting have been read, also the Minutes and we appoint Mabel A. Thayer, Mary J. Smith, Melita B. Fisher and Albert C. Felt as our representatives to attend the Quarterly Meeting of Ministry and Oversight to be held Fri. 9th at Worcester. They are requested to attend to their appointment and report at our next meeting.

The representatives to our last meeting report that all but one attended.

The attendance at our morning meetings for worship has been encouraging, and unusually large number being present for

Easter morning morning, at which time seven young people were taken into active membership with us, three of these were transfers from the Associate list; three came by letter from other denominations, and one by conviction.

Work in the Bible School is going forward with a good degree of interest. The building has been made into three class rooms, which are much appreciated by Teachers and scholars.

The auditorium has been redecorated adding much to its appearance.

James S. Reed for many years a beloved Elder of this meeting died March 2nd 1931 in the 96 year of his age. The influence of his quiet consistent Christian life will long be felt in our meeting.

No other business appearing we conclude.

Mary D. Smith
 Clerk.

Report on Spiritual Condition of Smithfield Meeting.

We saw only a glimpse of the private life of our members by their interest in, and attendance at, meetings for worship and discipline.

We find more unity in our meeting than for some years past. The meeting for worship being largely attended, many young people and children being present and a spirit of reverence and friendly warmth prevails.

We have an efficient Minister to meet the needs of the Community at large.

Our Pastor has made many calls on members, attended, and others in need of spiritual comfort and help.

Our members are active in U. M. C. A. - Y. M. C. A., Red Cross Work, Balling Stone, Hospital, W. C. T. U. and welfare work for children.

Interest in the Bible School is well sustained.

The Discussion Group has been an inspiration to many and has provided social

opportunities for young life which
are wholesome and helpful.

A good degree of interest has
been manifested in the Ladies Aid,
they have cooperated with the
Parent-Teacher Association in
welfare work for children, and have
contributed liberally to the meetings.
Our Missionary Auxiliary though
small in numbers, is going
steadily forward with the work.

Our standing in the community
is good; and we cooperate to
some extent with other religious
activities.

As a sign of progress, we note
a willingness on the part of our
young members to serve in many ways.

Mary J. Smith
Clerk

7-25-31

Local meeting on Ministry and Oversight held 7th Nov 1931.
 The Minutes of our last meeting have been read, also the Minutes and on appointment Arthur B. was elected B. Fisher and Joseph C. Baker is our representative to attend the District Meeting to be held at Bolton 8th Nov. - 8-1931.

They are requested to attend to their appointments and report at our next meeting.
 The resolutions of our last meeting report to be attended.
 Matel A. Thayer, Lewis H. Meader are appointed a committee from this meeting to cooperate with a similar committee from the Monthly Meeting to present to said meeting the names of suitable persons to serve as Elders for the term of three years.

Owing to lack of cooperation, no day of vacation Bible School has yet been held this year.

We regret that Paul L. Swanson is not to be with us next year. No services are to be held during the month of August the Bible School also being closed.

A card was received from
 Rachel M. Smith that her name
 be changed from the associates
 to the select list. They were united
 in recommending to the Monthly meeting
 that this request be granted.
 No other business offering or concluding
 Mary Smith
 Clerk.

Copy of notes found in book,

10-31-31

Meeting of Ministry and Oversight held 10th mo 31st 1931. The records of the last meeting have been read also the Queries and we appoint Albert E. Todd, Arthur B. Farr, Nellie Phillips as our representatives to attend the Quarterly Meeting of Ministry and Oversight to be held 11th mo 14th 1931. They are requested to attend to their appointment and report at our next meeting.

The representatives to our last meeting report that all attended.

Mabel A Thayer has given a report of the conference held at Conic, N. H.

George O. Selleck a minister from Harvard has brought the gospel message to us for the past few weeks.

No other business appearing we conclude.

Mary J. Smith.

Clerk.

4-30-32

At Smithfield Local Meeting on Ministry
and Oversight held at Woonsocket, R.I. Fourth
Month 30, 1932.

Arthur B. Farr is appointed Clerk for the day.

The Annies are read and we appoint
Jos. C. Ester, Melita B. Fisher, Mabel A. Thayer
and Arthur B. Farr as our representatives to attend
the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight
to be held at Worcester Fifth Month 14th.

A report has been read on the state of
the Church, with which we unite. Our Clerk
is directed to transmit it to the Monthly Meeting.

We record the passing on Fourth Month
9th of our dear Friend and ^{senior} Elder, Mary J. Smith.
Her faithful attendance at our meetings for
worship and discipline and her untiring labors
in many branches of the Lord's work provide
an example which lays an especial burden
upon us. Her years of service as Clerk of this
Meeting are held in loving remembrance.

All business being accomplished, we
conclude.

Arthur B. Farr,
Clerk for the day.

At Smithfield Total Meeting on Ministry
and Arraignment held at Wrentham, Seventh
Month 30, 1932.

Arthur B. Farr is appointed Clerk for the day.

The minutes of our last meeting are read.

The Queries are read and considered.
We appoint Jos. C. Ester, Melitta B. Fisher, Arthur
B. Farr and Arthur Santonier as our repre-
sentatives to attend the Quarterly Meeting on
Ministry and Arraignment to be held at Botton
Eighth Month 13th.

Our representation to the last Quarterly
Meeting report that all attended.

We appoint Nellie Phillips and Albert
E. Todd to co-operate with a committee
from the Monthly Meeting in recommending
the names of suitable persons to serve as
Elders.

We appoint Jos. C. Ester Clerk of this
Meeting in place of Mary J. Smith
deceased.

No further business appearing to claim
our attention, we conclude.

Arthur B. Farr,
Clerk for the day.

10-29-32

At Smithfield Monthly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at Woonsocket Tenth month 29th 1932

The minutes of the last meeting were read also the Queries

We appoint Nellie Phillips, Albert E. Todd, Arthur C. Pendleton and Mabel A Thayer as our representatives to the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight to be held at Woonsocket on eleventh month 12th 1932. They are requested to attend to their appointment if way opens and report at our next meeting.

Our representatives to the last Quarterly Meeting report that all but two attended.

Our business for this time being accomplished we conclude, purposing to meet in fourth month next, should the Lord permit.

Joseph C. Estes.

Clerk.

P.C. 1-19-33

A meeting of the Pastoral Committee was held first month, 19th 1933 at the home of Nellie Phillips.

After a short devotional period, the duties of the Pastoral Committee were fully discussed with the guidance of the discipline.

Arthur Santmier expressed a concern to exchange services with other Friends Ministers at meetings for worship. We are united with him in this concern.

After due deliberation and ~~with~~ⁱⁿ accord with the discipline, we feel it our duty to

recommend to the Monthly Meeting that the name of Gilbert D. Steere be dropped from our list of members.

A general canvas of our list of members was considered.

Seven members in attendance.

Joseph C. Estes.

Clerk.

3-19-33

At Smithfield Local Meeting on Ministry and Oversight especially called 3rd month 19th, 1933 to take action on report of the spiritual condition of the membership.

Joseph C. Estes

This meeting appoints, Arthur Santmier, Melita B. Fisher and Joseph C. Estes as a committee to bring to our next meeting, to be held in 4th month next, a report on the spiritual condition of the membership for its consideration.

This accomplishing our business we conclude

Joseph C. Estes

Clerk.

A meeting of the Pastoral Committee was held 4th month 21st, 1933. at the home of Nellie Phillips, 6 attended.

After a short devotional period the following items of business were considered.

A request for membership was received from Russell K. Bobbins. After due consideration we unite with his request and recommend to the Monthly Meeting that he be received into full membership with us.

This committee considered the advisability of postponing our next monthly meeting untill the evening of 5th month 1st.

The appointment of a person to fill the unexpired term of elder, caused by the death of Arthur B. Farr was considered

We considered the advisability of closing meeting upon Quarterly Meeting Sunday and were united in feeling that we should not close, but have meeting for worship at that time.

Joseph C. Estes,
Clerk.

4-21-33

At Smithfield Local Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at the home of Nellie Phillips 4th month 21st 1933.

The minutes of the last meetings have been read and corrected.

The Queries are read at this time and we appoint Melita B. Fisher, Mabel A. Thayer, Joseph C. Estes and Arthur Santmier as our representatives to Smithfield Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight to be held at Worcester

on 5th month 13th. They are requested to attend to their appointment and report at our next meeting.

Our representatives to the last Quarterly Meeting report that all but one attended.

The committee appointed in 3rd month to make the annual report on the spiritual condition of the membership submit the following report, which received the sanction of this meeting and is forwarded to our monthly meeting.

Report on the spiritual condition of Smithfield Local Meeting

As far as we can ascertain by visiting and inquiry, the private life of our members may be reported as showing a marked degree of improvement toward right living and spiritual growth. There is an increasing evidence of the need and pursuit of family devotion.

The attendance upon public worship is steady, pulsating with spiritual life. Many different groups in the community attend and there seems to be a hunger to know more of the Scriptures. Our relation to one another and to the world is ever broadening in the lines of sympathy and the desire to relieve suffering at home and abroad.

We feel that a deeper sense of responsibility toward world peace, right thinking on the prohibition question, and a sense of civic duty has been awakened through lectures, literature, community meetings and personal talks.

There is an increasing sense of personal responsibility in the meeting for worship as well as in service. The outlook on the work of Friends as a whole is broadening.

There is a growing realization of the value and privilege of material giving. The number of those who give sacrificially is steadily increasing.

Our members have been especially active this year.

in caring for the needy and in visiting the sick within our meeting and in the community, as well as in various forms of relief work outside our meeting, such as The Tennessee Mountain work, the Oklahoma Indian Missions, American Service Committees work among the coal miners and in local welfare activities.

The secular education of our children is taken care of through the public schools, Friends schools and Colleges. New members and others are inquiring about Friends principles, and religious training is incorporated in the Young Peoples Discussion Group and in the Bible School.

The meeting has a good standing in the community, aided by a strong Young Peoples Group. We have entered into all the religious activities of the community and coöperated in a large degree with other meetings.

We feel that intangible progress has been made along spiritual lines and a more united spirit is evident.

We record the passing on 2nd month 15th of our member Arthur B. Farr.

Our business for this time being accomplished we conclude, purposing to meet in 7th month next, should the Lord permit.

Joseph C. Estes, Clerk.

A meeting of the Pastoral Committee held ^{5th} 8th month 27th 1933, 7 attending.

This committee has considered the call by the Yearly Meeting Evangelistic Committee for the services of Arthur Santmier from 5th month 29th to 6th month 4th at St Albans, Maine and recommend to the monthly meeting that he be liberated from service here to work there as the Lord may direct. We will accept the ministry of Charles White of Providence at our first day meeting, 6th month 4th.

We also recommend that the services of some suitable minister be secured for our first day meeting of 6th month 25th and ^{that} Arthur Santmier ^{be} appointed to make arrangements for same.

Joseph C. Estes,

Clerk.

7-28-33

At Smithfield Local Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held 7th month 28th 1933,

The minutes of the last meeting have been read,

The Queries are read and we appoint Melita B. Fisher and Henrietta A. Pendleton as our representatives to Smithfield Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight to be held at Bolton, Mass. 3rd month 12th 1933.

Our representatives to the last Quarterly Meeting report that all attended.

We appoint Melita B. Fisher and Henrietta A. Pendleton to co-operate with a committee from the Monthly Meeting in recommending the names of suitable Friends to serve as Elders.

Our business being accomplished we conclude, purposing to meet in 10th month next.

Joseph C. Estes,
Clerk.

10-24-33

At Smithfield Local Meeting on Ministry and Oversight
held 10th month 24th 1933 at the home of
Nellie Phillips.

The minutes of the last meeting have been read.
The Queries are read and we appoint Nellie
Phillips, Mabel A. Thayer, Henrietta A.
Pendleton, Arthur Santmier, Melita
B. Fisher and Joseph C. Estes as our
representatives to Smithfield Quarterly
Meeting on Ministry and Oversight to be
held at Woonsocket 11th month 11th 1933

Our representatives to the last Quarterly
Meeting report that all attended

This meeting appoints Arthur Santmier,
Henrietta A. Pendleton and Joseph
C. Estes as a committee to bring
to our next meeting a report on the
spiritual condition of the membership
for its consideration.

Our business for the time being accomplished
we conclude, purposing to meet in 4th
month next, should The Lord permit.

Joseph C. Estes,
Clerk.

P.C. 10-24-33

At a meeting of the Pastoral Committee held
at ~~rise of~~ Meeting on Ministry and Oversight
at the home of Nellie Phillips, 10th mo 24th 1933
The membership list of our meeting has
our consideration and we approve

of Arthur Santmier corresponding
with non-attending members in regard
to their continuing membership with us
Adjourned -

Joseph C. Estes,
Clerk.

4-23-34

At Smithfield Local Meeting on Ministry and
Oversight held 4th month, 23rd 1934 at the
home of Henrietta A. Pendleton.

The minutes of the last meeting have been
read.

The Queries are read and we appoint; Joseph
C. Estes, Mabel A. Thayer, Melita
B. Fisher, Arthur Santmier and
Henrietta A. Pendleton as our representa-
tives to Smithfield Quarterly Meeting
on Ministry and Oversight to be held at
Worcester, 5th month 12th 1934

Our representatives to the last Quarterly
Meeting report that all attended.

The committee appointed in 10th month, to
make the annual report on the spiritual
condition of the meeting, received the
sanction of this meeting and is forwarded
to our monthly meeting. the following is
the report.

Report of the spiritual condition of Smithfield Monthly
meeting.

As far as can be ascertained by visiting and
inquiry, the private life of a large part of

the membership shows improvement in spiritual living. A certain number are out of touch with the meeting and of their private life we know but little. There is an increasing interest in the matter of family devotions. A small number faithfully and regularly attend meetings for worship but a great many do not seem to consider this a vital necessity or a condition of membership in the Society of Friends.

A very few feel a sense of responsibility in the worship and service of the meeting but these few are steadfast and active. There is an increasing interest in the missionary program of the Friends as a whole.

Giving as a means of grace has been urged in public and private and there is undoubtedly a new attitude on the part of many toward the "Gospel of giving" and the support of the cause of Christ through the local and yearly meeting. There is still much to be done and far to go along this line. Tithing is practiced by a few. Many give sacrificially while many others neglect giving entirely. This meeting is perhaps above the average in the kindly interest members have for each other, shown by calling upon those sick and in trouble and in caring for the needy.

Secular education is cared for by the public schools, academies, normal and commercial colleges, universities and Friends schools in New England. Study and discussion groups, a well organized Bible School, reading courses and

Bible memorizing campaigns assist in providing a religious education.

The meeting holds its own in the community and the city, enjoys a large measure of publicity through the press, the use of bulletin boards, a mailing list, exchange of notices and other measures. The meeting unites with other churches of the city in all joint enterprises in which it feels that good may be accomplished without surrendering vital principles for which the Society of Friends stands.

Signs of Progress, There is a growing sensitiveness on the part of many of the call of conscience, a closer attention to religious things, a growing love for the Bible and a warm welcome for the word of Truth. This is to be noted especially in the young people among whom there has been a slow but significant change of attitude toward spiritual things. This change spells growth and ministry in the near future.

Our business for the time being accomplished we conclude, purposing to meet in 7th month next should the Lord permit.

Joseph C. Estes
Clerk.

At a meeting of the Pastoral Committee held at the rise of the meeting on Ministry and Oversight at the home of Henrietta A. Pendleton 4th month 23rd 1934.

This committee has considered the advisability of having a class formed of prospective members to study the requirements of full membership in the meeting, that they may more fully realize and appreciate Christian living and the value of associating themselves with Christian people. The individual membership of our meeting has had our consideration and this committee feel that some members should be advised with on the subject of attending meetings for worship as required by discipline.

For further discussion of this subject, we adjourn to meet 4th month 28th at the rise of Monthly Meeting

4th month 27th 1934 adjourned to Sunday 4th month 29th at rise of meeting for worship

Met according to adjournment 4th month 29th 1934. After further discussion of revising the membership list, we appoint Arthur Santmier to bring to our next meeting a list of members of the Monthly Meeting, also a letter that might be sent to those members who need their attention called to their duty of attending meetings for worship. It is the desire of this committee that every member become an efficient Christian worker in their community.

Adjourned to meet at the rise of meeting for worship
5th month. 6th 1934

P.C. 5-C-34

Met according to adjournment. 5th month 6th, 34

Arthur Santmier presented a partial list of members and a letter to send to some according to his appointment of last meeting. This letter met with our approval for part of the list and we appoint Melita B. Fisher and Joseph C. Estes to send a different type of letter to other members on the list.

We recommend to Monthly Meeting that it take action according to discipline and that the names of the following ~~name~~ members be dropped from our list. Herbert Trenoweth, Charles Trenoweth, Irene Erickson, Elizabeth Even Libby (absent for over 3 years) and Earle Robbins (Associate member).
Adjourned.

Joseph C. Estes,
Clerk.

P.C. 5-27-34

At a meeting of the Pastoral Committee held at the rise of morning meeting. May 27-1934

According to appointment of the Monthly Meeting held May 26th we have studied the pastoral situation and consider it advisable to continue with the paid pastoral system, that it is not practical to pay over 1200 dollars a year, that the meetings for worship continue through the month of July, with Arthur Santmier as pastor and that the meeting close during the month of August. These recommendations to

be presented to our next monthly meeting.

A letter was presented by Melita Fisher and Joseph Estes and the Committee desire that it be sent to non-resident members.

Adjourned.

Joseph C. Estes

Clerk.

No meeting held in 7th month.

8-7-34

At Smithfield Local Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at Woonsocket 8th month 7th 1934

The Queries are read at this time.

We appoint Henrietta A. Pendleton and Mabel A. Thayer to co-operate with a committee from the Monthly Meeting in recommending the names of suitable friends to serve as elders.

Our business being accomplished we conclude purposing to meet in 10th month next.

Joseph C. Estes

Clerk.

11-4-34

At Smithfield Local Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at Woonsocket 11th month 4th 1934.

The Queries are read at this time.

We appoint Mable A. Thayer, Nellie Phillips, Joseph C. Estes and Arthur Santmier as our representatives to the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight to be held at

Woonsocket 11th month 10th 1934.

We conclude purposing to meet in 12th month to appoint a committee to make the annual report on the spiritual condition of the meeting.

Joseph C. Estes

Clerk
12-6-34

At Smithfield Local Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at Woonsocket 12th month 16th 1934.

We appoint Arthur Santmier and Joseph C. Estes a committee to bring to our next meeting a report on the spiritual condition of the membership of our meeting for its action.

Our buisness for the time being accomplished we conclude, purposing to meet in 4th month next, should the Lord permit.

Joseph C. Estes.

Clerk.

4-26-35

At Smithfield Local Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at Woonsocket, 4th month 26th 1935.

The minutes of the last meeting have been read:

The Queries are read at this time and we appoint Joseph C. Estes, Melita B. Fisher and Arthur Santmier as our representatives to Smithfield Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight to be held at Worcester in

5th month. They are requested to attend to their appointment and report to our next meeting.

Our representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting report that all attended.

The committee appointed in 12th month to make the report on the spiritual condition of the membership of our meeting inform us that it can not make a report at this time.

Our business for the time being accomplished we conclude, purposing to meet in 7th month next, should the Lord permit

Joseph C Ester, Clerk.

7-29-35

At Smithfield Local Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at Woonsocket 7th month 29th 1935.

The minutes of our last meeting are read

The Queries are read at this time and we appoint Doris Mowry, Henrietta A. Pendleton and Melita B. Fisher as our representatives to the Quarterly Meeting to be held in Bolton in 8th month next.

Our representatives to the last Quarterly Meeting report that all but one attended.

We appoint Albert Todd and Mabel A. Thayer to co-operate with a committee from the monthly Meeting in recommending the names of suitable friends to serve as elders

We have considered the future of our meeting and its objective for the

coming year.

Our business being accomplished we conclude, purposing to meet in 10th month next.

Joseph C. Estes, Clerk.

10-25-35

At Smithfield Local Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at Woonsocket 10th month 25th, 1935.

The minutes of our last meeting are read.

The Queries are read and we appoint Mabel A. Thayer, Henrietta A. Pendleton and Joseph C. Estes as our representatives to the Quarterly Meeting to be held at Woonsocket, 11th month 9th.

Our representatives to the last Quarterly Meeting report that all attended.

We appoint Arthur Santmier and Mabel A. Thayer to consider the advisability of submitting a report to the Monthly Meeting of the spiritual condition of our members.

Our business being accomplished we conclude, purposing to meet in 3rd month next.

Joseph C. Estes, Clerk.

P.C. 2-28-36

At a meeting of the Pastoral Committee held at the Meeting House, February 28th

We received a communication from Richard A. McNamee expressing a desire to become a member of our meeting, stating his knowledge of the discipline and his unity.

with it. After due consideration we are united in granting his request. The clerk is directed to give this information to the Monthly Meeting.

Adjourned to next Wednesday evening at the home of Henrietta A. Pendleton, March 4th at 7-30.

Joseph C. Estes, Clerk.

At a meeting of the Pastoral Committee held at the home of Arthur Pendleton March 4, 1936.

We have considered the conditions at the home of Mable Trenworth and feel that calls should be made there and that letters be sent to her boys who are away from home.

The status of our members who have desecrated other churches as their choice in the Sunday School canvass recently completed has claimed our attention.

Committee to make report on spiritual condition of our meeting as set forth in the discipline are.

Joseph C. Estes, and Arthur Santmier.

Adjourned.

Joseph C. Estes, Clerk.

At Smithfield Local Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at Woonsocket fourth month twenty-fourth. 1936

The Queries are read and we appoint, Joseph C. Estes, Mabel A. Thayer, Melita B. Fisher and Albert E. Todd as our representatives to attend the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight to be held at Worcester fifth month, ninth.

The representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting

report all attended.

The report of the state of society is forwarded to our monthly meeting for its consideration.

Our business for the present being accomplished we conclude purposing to meet in seventh month next.

Joseph C. Ester, clerk

No Meeting in Seventh Month.

At Smithfield Local Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at the home of Mable A Thayer on 10th month 29th 1936.

At our Quarterly Meeting held at Bolton, Melita Fisher and Henrietta A. Pendleton attended and acted as our representatives.

Representatives to Quarterly Meeting to be held in Woonsocket, Eunice Meader, Mable A Thayer, Albert Todd.

Committee to co-operate with a similar committee from the monthly meeting to name suitable members to serve as elders. Melita Fisher and Eunice Meader.

Committee to make report on the spiritual condition of the meeting appointed to report in 4th month next. Joseph C Ester, Eunice Meader, Harold Tollosson.

The Queries are read at this time.

Joseph C. Ester, Clerk

At Smithfield Local Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at Woonsocket 4th month 30th 1937

The minutes of the last meeting have been read.

The Queries are read and we appoint Melita B. Fisher Albert Todd and Mable A. Thayer as our representatives to Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight to be held in Worcester. 5th month 8th 1937

Report on state of society was read and approved. it was forwarded to our Local monthly meeting for its consideration.

Our business being accomplished we conclude.

Joseph C. Estes,
Clerk.

At Smithfield Local Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at Woonsocket 7th month 1937.

The minutes of the last meeting have been read.

The Querries are read and we appoint, Harold N. Tollefson, Henereta Pendleton and Mable A. Thayer as our representatives to Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight to be held in Bolton in 8th month next.

Representatives to the last Quarterly Meeting report all attended.

Committee to co-operate with a simular committee appointed by Monthly Meeting to name suitable persons for the station of Elders, Albert Todd, and Heneretta Pendleton

Harold N. Tollefson
clerk for the day

At Smithfield Local Meeting on Ministry and Oversight
held at Woonsocket, 11th month 10th 1937.

The minutes of the last meeting have been read.

The Querries are read and we appoint Mable A. Thayer,
Melita B. Fisher and Joseph C. Estes as our representatives to
Quarterly Meeting to be held in Woonsocket in 11th
month.

Representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting
report that all attended.

Committee to make report on the spiritual
condition of the meeting, are Harold N. Tollefson,
Albert Todd, and Joseph C. Estes.

Our business being accomplished we conclude.
Joseph C. Estes, Clerk.

At Smithfield Local Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at
Woonsocket, 4th month 29th 1938

The Querries are read and we appoint, Joseph C. Estes
Melita B. Fisher and Harold N. Tollefson as our
representatives to our Quarterly Meeting on Ministry
and Oversight to be held in 5th month next in
Worcester.

The report on the spiritual condition of the meeting
was read and approved, it was forwarded to our
monthly meeting for its consideration

Many expressions of sympathy were expressed for the
family of Albert E. Todd who passed away in 12th month
last. He was a earnest and good worker and his
many Christian acts will be missed by us all
Our business being accomplished we conclude

Joseph C. Estes
Clerk.

At Smithfield Local Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at Woonsocket 7th month 29th 1938

Meeting held at the rise of our Local Monthly Mtg.

The following friends are appointed as our representatives to Smithfield Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight to be held at Bolton in 8th month 13th 1938. Harold N. Tollefson and Mable A Thayer together with others of our members who may find it possible to attend.

Our business being accomplished we conclude.

Joseph C. Estes.

Clerk.

At Smithfield Local Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at Woonsocket at the rise of the morning meeting for worship. 10th month 23rd 1938.

A committee to cooperate with a similar committee appointed by Monthly Meeting to name suitable persons for the station of Elder, Mable A. Thayer
Henrietta A Pendleton

We appoint Eunice D Meader, Henrietta A. Pendleton and Joseph C. Estes as our representatives to Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight to be held in Woonsocket in 11th month next.

A committee to make report on the spiritual condition of the meeting are Harold N Tollefson and Joseph C Estes.

Our business being accomplished we conclude.

Joseph C Estes

Clerk.

At Smithfield Local Meeting on Ministry and

Oversight held at Woonsocket 4th month 28th 1939

The Queries are read and we appoint, Joseph C. Estes, Mable A. Thayer and Harold N. Tollafson as our representatives to Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight to be held at Worcester 5th month 18th 1939

Minutes of our previous meeting was read.

Report of State of Society was read, approved and forwarded to Our monthly meeting for its action.

Representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting report all attended.

With sorrow we report the death of Nellie Phillips a former elder of this meeting. She was a real Friend, a true Quaker and a consistent teacher, with a lovable Christian Spirit.

Our business being accomplished, we conclude

Joseph C. Estes, Clerk.

At Smithfield Local Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at Woonsocket Friends Meeting House 10^{mo} 22nd 1939

A committee to co-operate with a similar committee from the Monthly Meeting, to bring to our next Monthly Meeting the names of suitable persons to serve as Elders, are as follows. Joseph C. Estes, Eunice D. Meador.

The Queries are read and we appoint, Dorris Mowry Mable A. Thayer, Eunice D. Meador as our representatives to Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight to be held in Woonsocket, November. 11, 1939

The Committee to make a report on the Spiritual Condition of our meeting are Harold N. Tollafson, Mable A. Thayer, and Joseph C. Estes.

Adjourned. Joseph C. Estes, Clerk

At a special meeting of the Pastoral Committee and the local meeting on Ministry and Oversight held 3rd mo. 29th 1940.

A request for associate membership from Ruth and Loreston Smith for their son Glenn Smith, also a transfer of membership for Ruth Smith were both favorable acted upon and sent to Monthly Meeting.

The Queries were read and we appoint; Melita B. Fisher; Harold N. Tollefson and Joseph C. Estes as our representatives to our next Quarterly Meeting.

We conclude;

Joseph C. Estes,
Clerk.

At a meeting of Ministry and Oversight held 4th mo. 26th 1940.

The report of the committee appointed to make the annual report on the spiritual condition of our meeting is presented and is acceptable to this meeting and we forward it to the monthly meeting for its action.

An application for membership was received from Walter Allen, Theona Allen his wife and their daughter Gloria Allen. is acceptable to this meeting and is forwarded to monthly meeting for its action.

We conclude.

Joseph C. Estes.

Clerk.

Seventh month :- representatives appointed by clerk
to Bolton Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight.
Melita Fisher, Doris Mowry, Mabel A Thayer and
Henrietta A. Pendleton,

At a meeting held 10th month 20th 1940
Representatives to Bolton Quarterly Meeting
report they all attended.

Representatives appointed to attend Quarterly
Meeting at Woonsocket, Melita B. Fisher, Doris P.
Mowry and Joseph C. Estes.

A committee is appointed at this time to cooperate
with a similar committee from the monthly meeting to
name suitable persons for the station of Elder.
Harold N. Tollefsen and Doris P. Mowry.

We conclude -

Joseph C Estes
Clerk.

At a meeting held 4th month 16th 1941 at
Woonsocket Meeting House three members
being present we considered the report on
spiritual condition of the meeting. which
will be presented to a meeting to be held.
4th month 25th for action.

Representatives to Quarterly Meeting on
Ministry and Oversight to be held in Worcester.
in 5th month are,

Eunice D. Meader.

Joseph C Estes.

Adjourned to a meeting called for 4th month. 25th
Joseph C. Estes
Clerk.

At a meeting called 4th month, 25th to consider the report on Spiritual Condition of our meeting, accept the report as presented. The report is forwarded to the Clerk of the Monthly Meeting for its action.

Joseph C. Estes, Clerk.

At Smithfield local Meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at Woonsocket, 9th month 28th 1941.

Our meeting in 7th month was omitted, Members that attended Our Quarterly Meeting at Bolton and represented this meeting were.

Mable A. Thayer

Harold N. Tollefson

Melita B. Fisher.

Representatives to our next Quarterly Meeting to be held at Woonsocket are.

Eunice D. Meder.

Helen France.

Joseph C. Estes.

Members of a Committee to co-operate with a similar committee from the Monthly Meeting to name suitable members to serve as elders, are.

Melita B. Fisher

Henrietta A. Pendleton

Our business being accomplished we conclude.

Joseph C. Estes, Clerk.

At a called meeting held 4th month 19th 1942,

Harold N. Tollefson was appointed to make a report on the spiritual condition of our meeting for our consideration at a meeting to be held.

on the 24th of this month:

At Smithfield local meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at Woonsocket, 4th month 24th 1942

The Queries were read and we appoint

Mable A. Thayer,
Harold N. Tollefson,
Melita B. Fisher,

as our representatives to attend our Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight to be held in Worcester in 5th month next.

The report on Spiritual Condition of our meeting was read and approved and is forwarded to the Monthly Meeting for its consideration.

Our business being accomplished we conclude

Joseph C Estes, Clerk.

At Smithfield local meeting on Ministry and Oversight held at Woonsocket 10th Month 29, 1943.

In the absence of the Clerk, Melita B. Fisher acted as clerk.

The queries were read and we appoint Joseph C. Estes, Henrietta A. Pendleton as Representatives to Quarterly Meeting of Ministry & Oversight.

Mabel A. Thayer was appointed to co-operate with a similar Committee from Monthly Meeting

in naming Elders for the ensuing three years.

The committee met and recommend the appointment of Lloyd C. Arnold and the re-appointment of Melita B. Fisher as Elders for the ensuing 3 years. This information to be forwarded to Monthly Meeting.

Melita B. Fisher.
Clerk for the Day.

Meeting of Ministry and Oversight of Springfield Monthly Meeting was held Fourth Month 28, 1944.

In the absence of the Clerk, Melita B. Fisher was appointed to serve.

The Minutes not being here, could not be read.

The Queries are read and we appoint Joseph C. Estes, Melita B. Fisher with others from this body who may attend as our Representatives to attend Quarterly Meeting in Worcester, Fifth Month 13th.

The Report of the Spiritual Condition of the Society has been read

and approved.

Meeting adjourned.

Melita B. Fisher
Clerk for the Day.

Meeting of Ministry and Oversight of Smithfield Monthly Meeting was held Seventh Month 28, 1944.

In the absence of the Clerk, Melita B. Fisher was appointed to serve.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

The Queries have been read and we appoint those who may be in attendance at Quarterly Meeting to be held in Bolton, Mass. Eighth Month, as our Representatives.

Melita B. Fisher
Clerk for the Day.

A Meeting of the Pastoral Committee was held at the close of the Morning Meeting for Worship Fifth Month 8th to confer with Harold Hadley regarding pastoral work here. As he was unable to state how much time he could give the Meeting, no arrangement was made.

It is the hope of the Meeting that as way opens he may be able to be with us.

Melita B. Fisher
Clerk for the Day.

At Smithfield Meeting of Ministry and Oversight held at Woonsocket, R. I. Tenth Month 27, 1944.

In the absence of the Clerk, Melita B. Fisher was appointed to serve.

The Queries have been read and we appoint Lloyd C. Arnold, Mabel A. Thayer, Henrietta A. Sedleton as our Representatives to attend Quarterly Meeting of Ministry and Oversight to be held at Woonsocket, R. I. Eleventh Month 11, 1944.

We appoint Helen S. France and Lloyd C. Arnold to confer with a similar committee from Monthly Meeting to appoint Elders for the ensuing 3 years.

This meeting approves of inviting Harold Hadley to remain with us as pastor for the coming year (12 mos.) at a salary of \$1000. This recom

mendation to be sent to the Monthly Meeting.

Lloyd C. Arnold has received a letter from Mr. Gaslock of Saylesville Meeting stating that he will be glad to serve us if there is need.

No further business we adjourn
Melita B. Fisher
Clerk for the Day

Meeting of Ministry and Oversight of Smithfield Monthly Meeting was held Third Month 30, 1945.

In the absence of the Clerk Melita B. Fisher was appointed to serve.

Requests for Membership in the Society of Friends have been received from Marion H. Kennard, (Mrs. Herbert) Herbert S. Kennard, Jr., Jean Ewen and Grace Allen. This meeting is united in receiving these Friends into full membership and recommend that these names be presented to our Monthly Meeting for action.

A Committee consisting of Joseph C. Estes & Melita B. Fisher are appointed to prepare a report of the Spiritual Condition of the Meeting. They are at liberty to invite Nathan Adams, Jr. to confer with them.

The Queries have been read and we appoint those who may attend Quarterly Meeting of Ministry and Oversight in Worcester, Mass. as our Representatives.

Melita B. Fisher
Clerk for the Day.

Meeting of Ministry and Oversight of Smithfield Monthly Meeting was held Tenth Month 1945.

In the absence of the Clerk, Melita B. Fisher is appointed to serve.

A request for Associate Membership in the Society of Friends has been received from Shirley Nelson. We are united in recommending to the Monthly Meeting that Shirley be received into associate membership with us.

The report of the Spiritual Condition of the Meeting has been presented which is satisfactory to this Meeting.

Melita B. Fisher
Clerk for the Day.

Meeting of Ministry and Oversight was held Seventh Month 27, '45.

In the absence of the Clerk, Melita B. Fisher was appointed to serve.

The Queries are read and we appoint those in attendance at Quarterly Meeting of Ministry and Oversight to be held in Bolton Mass. ^{8th mo.} as our Representatives.

Melita B. Fisher.
Clerk for the Day.

At Smithfield Meeting of Ministry and Oversight held Tenth Month 26, 1945

In the absence of the Clerk, Melita B. Fisher was appointed to serve.

The Queries have been read and we appoint Lloyd C. Arnold, Mabel A. Thayer, Joseph C. Estes as

our Representatives to attend Quarterly Meeting of Ministry and Oversight which will be held here Eleventh Month 10th.

Lloyd C. Arnold, Melita B. Fisher are appointed to confer with the committee appointed at our last Monthly Meeting to forward the names of Elders for the ensuing three years.

No further business we conclude
Melita B. Fisher
Clerk for the Day.

Third Mo. 31, 1946

A special Meeting of Pastoral Committee (of) was held at the Church with James A. Coney present in regard to securing a pastor.

James A. Coney will correspond, with Lester Figgins now attending Hartford Theological Seminary telling him of our need here.

Fourth Month 7th, 1946

A Meeting of Pastoral Committee was held concerning Lester Figgins. He writes that he is now serving as pastor in a Methodist Church in Conn. but wishes to sever con-

nections there to enter Friends work while attending Hartford Seminary another year. We are united in inviting him to visit us early in May if convenient for him.

Fourth Month 21, 1946

In reply to our letter, Lester Jiggins desired to visit us May 4. At a meeting held at close of Meeting for Worship the letter was read and considered.

As the plans of Nathan Adams Jr. are somewhat changed since our last meeting, the Clerk is directed to write Lester Jiggins to delay his visit until further information is given him after our Monthly Meeting on Fri. of this week.

Melita B. Fisher
Acting Clerk.

A Meeting of Ministry & Council (formerly Oversight) was held 4th Month 26, 1946.

The Queries were read and Lloyd C. Arnold, Melita B. Fisher and others who may attend are appointed as our Representatives.

to Quarterly Meeting of Ministry and Council to be held in Worcester, Mass. Fifth Month 11. The Representatives are asked to confer with the pastor in preparing the report of the State of Society. This report to be presented at the adjourned Monthly Meeting for their approval.

Melita B. Fisher
Clerk for the Day.

Meeting of Ministry & Council of Smithfield Monthly Meeting was held Seventh Month 26, 1946

The Queries have been read and we appoint those who may be in attendance as our Representatives to Quarterly Meeting of Ministry & Council to be held at Bolton, Mass. Eighth Month 10, 46.

Melita B. Fisher
Clerk for the Day

At Smithfield Meeting of Ministry and Council held Tenth Month 29, 1946 Melita B. Fisher was appointed Clerk for the Day.

The Queries are read and we appoint Mabel A. Thayer, Lloyd C

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Arnold, Eunice Meader as our Representative to attend Quarterly Meeting to be held here Eleventh Month 9, 1946.

We appoint Lloyd C. Arnold to confer with Joseph C. Estes as to his ability to serve as Clerk of this Meeting. If he is unable to serve longer it is desired that the name of a Clerk be presented by the person appointed to this service.

Mabel A. Thayer and Henrietta A. Pyddleton are appointed to confer with the Committee from Monthly Meeting in appointing Elders for the next three years.

Our business being accomplished we conclude.

Melita B. Fisher
Clerk for the Day.

Meeting of Ministry & Council of Smithfield Monthly Meeting was held Third Month 28, 1947.

Lloyd C. Arnold who was appointed to interview Joseph C. Estes reports that he does not wish to continue as Clerk. * Lloyd C. Arnold

is appointed to this service.

The Clerk of this Meeting with the pastor are appointed to prepare the report of the Spiritual Condition of the Society. This report shall be forwarded to the Monthly Meeting for its approval and by that body to the Quarterly Meeting.

Requests for membership in the Society of Friends were received from Russel and Marion Ross. We recommend that these friends be accepted for active membership with us.

We appoint Melita B. Fisher & Lloyd C. Arnold as our Representatives to attend Quarterly Meeting of Ministry & Council to be held in Worcester Fifth Month 10, 1947.

* This resignation is accepted with regret

4-25-47

Meeting of Ministry & Council of
Smithfield Monthly Meeting was
held fourth Month, 25th - 1947

The Quenes were read and representations
to Our Quarterly Meeting of Ministry
and Council to be held in Worcester
fifth Month 10th 1947 were appointed
as follows.

Melita B Fisher.

Lloyd C Arnold.

The spiritual condition of the meeting
was read and approved following which
there being no other business we
concluded -

Lloyd C Arnold.
Clerk.

7-25-47

Meeting of Ministry & Council was
held Seventh Month 25th - 1947.

Melita B Fisher; Lloyd C Arnold, and
others who may attend were appointed
representatives to Bolton Quarterly Meeting
to be held 8th month 9th day - 1947.

The Quenes were read by our pastor
Nathan Adams.

The minutes of the meeting were
approved as read.

Our business being accomplished we conclude
Lloyd C Arnold
Clerk.

9-26-47.

Meeting of Ministry & Council held
9th month 26th 1947

The minutes of the last meeting have
been read.

A request for membership in the
Society of Friends has been received
from Barbara Dufresne

We are united in recommending
to monthly meeting that Barbara be
received into membership with us.

Helen France and Lloyd C Arnold
are appointed from M. & Council to
confer with a similar committee
from monthly meeting to bring forward
the names of Elders for the next three
years.

The Queries were read by
Melita B Fisher.

The names of Helen S France and
Melita B Fisher are brought forward
to attend our next Quarterly Meeting
to be held at Woonsocket, 11th month
1947.

Our business being accomplished we
conclude

Lloyd C Arnold
Clerk.

10-31-47

Meeting of Ministry & Council was
held 10th month, 31st 1947

The minutes of the last meeting were
read and approved.

A request, by letter, for membership
in the Society of Friends of Smithfield
monthly meeting, has been received
from Miss Muriel McFee of the
Globe Congregational Church of Woonsocket.
We are united in recommending to
monthly meeting that the name of
Muriel McFee be accepted for full
membership with us.

There being no further business
we conclude

Lloyd C Arnold
Clerk.

2-16-48

A Special Meeting of Ministry + Council held 2nd month 16th 1948 for the purpose of discussing the resignation of our Pastor Nathan Adams Jr. and advising our General Supt James Coney.

A general discussion of our meeting and its problems were talked over and many good suggestions obtained to work on.

Melita B Fisher was appointed to confer with James Coney at Cambridge on Feb 23rd in regard to our situation and report as soon as possible any information that will help in securing a new pastor.

This being the only business of the evening we conclude.

Lloyd C Arnold
Clerk.

4-24-48.

A Special meeting of M + C held 4th month 24th - 1948.

Melita B Fisher reports that James Coney suggested the names of the following as possible interested persons to come with us as pastor.

William McEldon, a Methodist Minister, who wants to get back in Friends work. He now receives \$28.80 and parsonage - is 43 years old and has a wife and 3 children.

Russell Brooks, who is married has 2 children, was formerly a radio announcer, and now is ministering at Gorham N.H. His father and Mother are also with him and he would desire to get accommodations for them also if possible.

After much deliberation the Clerk was instructed to write Russell Brooks, extending a Call to come to us at Woonsocket at a salary not to exceed \$1500 per year, with parsonage and to make arrangements for an open meeting for general discussion.

Our business being accomplished we conclude.

Lloyd C Arnold
Clerk.

4-30-48

Meeting of Ministry & Council held
4th month 30th 1948.

A letter from Russell Brooks of
Gonic N.H. in regards to our calling
him to our meeting was read. He
expressed willingness to accept our call
at \$15.00 per year, with the privilege
of part time employment, provided
it would not take too much time
from his pastoral work.

The clerk was instructed to issue
an invitation to Russell Brooks to meet
with us at his convenience for further
discussion, preferably during the
week if possible.

The report of the spiritual condition
of the meeting was read and approved.

The Queries were read by Melita
B. Fisher.

Lloyd C Arnold, Adam Ewen,
Melita B Fisher were appointed as representatives
to our Quarterly Meeting to be held at
Worcester 5th month, 8th 1948

There being no further business we
adjourn to the Call of the Clerk.
Lloyd C Arnold - Clerk.

5-21-48

A Special Meeting of Ministry & Council was held 5th month 21st 1948 with Russell Brooks and his family of Gonic N.H. present. The meeting was augmented with the officers of the various departments in the meeting present. The purpose being to confer with Russell Brooks and his family, whom we are considering calling to our ministry. After brief remarks by Russell Brooks, the meeting was open to a general discussion and question period. The meeting proved to be of real value to M & C. in that, we were better able to understand each others wishes and become better acquainted before making our recommendations to Monthly Meeting.

Previous to the meeting, Russell Brooks and family and Nathan Adams and son Nathan were entertained at dinner at the Howard Johnson restaurant with several members present.

The business of the evening, which was strictly for the purpose of becoming better acquainted with each other, being accomplished, we conclude.

Lloyd C Arnold
Clerk.

5-28-48

Meeting of Ministry & Council was held 5th month 28th day 1948 for the purpose of considering possible candidates for filling the position of our retiring pastor Nathan Adams Jr.

We regret that Nathan feels he must leave us to accept another call and we wish him Gods blessing in his new work. He has served us well.

We are united, after due consideration in recommending to Monthly meeting Russell Brooks to serve as our pastor at a salary of not more than \$1500 per year with the understanding that he be allowed to take part time employment to supplement his weekly earnings.

He will probably take up his duties in Sept.

The matter of supply for the months of June and July are to be left to the discretion of the Clerk.

Our business being accomplished we conclude.

Lloyd C Arnold
Clerk.

7-30-48

A Meeting of Ministers & Council
was held 7th month 30th 1948.

The following representatives
were appointed to attend Quarterly
Meeting to be held at Bolton
8th month - 48

Lloyd C Arnold - Melita B
Fisher, with all others who may attend.

The Queries were read by
Melita B Fisher.

The name of Meredith Cook
was brought before the meeting
regarding her membership status.
However no definite action was
taken at this meeting as it
is presumed she will send in
her letter of withdrawal soon.

There being no other business
the meeting concluded.

Lloyd C Arnold
Clerk.

10-29-48

Meeting of Ministry & Council
held 10th month 29th 1948.

Representatives appointed to
attend Quarterly Meeting in Bolton
8th month all reported as having
attended. The following reported
Lloyd C Arnold - Melita B Fisher
Adam Ewen.

The matter of having longer
meetings; at least once a month
for M & Council was brought before
the meeting and a very helpful
discussion period followed. The
matter was left to the discretion
of the clerk to call a meeting in
the near future at the home of
Mabel Thayer.

A Bible reading list was
presented before the meeting by
Our pastor Russell Brooks for our
consideration in having it sent to
all members of our meeting. The
meeting is unanimous in its approval
in having it sent to all our members
with the expense to be born by
Monthly meeting.

Our business being concluded
we adjourn
Lloyd C Arnold

10-29-48

(added minutes to 10th month)

(X) The Quenes were read by
Russell Brooks.

Representatives appointed to
attend quarterly meeting in November
11th month 13-1948 were as follows.
Adam Ewen; Mabel Thayer,
Henrietta Pendleton.

Lloyd C Arnold
Clerk.

1-29-49

Meeting of Ministry & Council
was held 1st month 29th 1949.

A general concern was expressed
for our young people in the meeting.
Several suggestions were advanced
for ways of getting them to be more
interested in the meeting as a whole.

It was suggested that the
Sunday School offer Stewardship Classes
or lessons and that Quaker material
be stressed more in the Sunday School
work. Plans for an annual meeting
in which all bodies of the meeting
would bring an annual report were
talked over and recommendations were
made to bring these matters before

our next regular monthly meeting for their consideration.

The Pastor and the Clerk of MTC were appointed to prepare the Spiritual report of the meeting and have it ready for the next regular monthly meeting before quarterly meeting 4th month 29th 1949.

There being no further business we conclude

Lloyd C Arnold
Clerk.

4-29-49

Meeting of Ministry & Council
held 4th month 29th 1949.

The report of the Spiritual condition of the meeting has been read and approved.

The report shows that the spirit of the meeting is good and that meetings for worship are held regularly and well attended.

The report however showed that Ministry and Council were

Concerned over three specific problems
 The 1st in regard To building up
 interest in our regular monthly
 meeting.

The 2nd in regard To bringing in
 some definite Friends teaching into
 our Bible School curriculum.

The 3rd in regard To finding
 some effective program To interest
 our older young people group.

We are pleased to note that definite
 progress has already been made
 with all three concerns.

The following representatives were
 appointed To attend quarterly meeting
 To be held at Worcester 5th month
 14th 1949.

Lloyd C Arnold

Adam Ewen

Melita B Fisher

Our business being accomplished
 we conclude

Lloyd C Arnold
 Clerk.

6-19-49

Special Meeting6th Month 19th - 1949

A special meeting of Ministry & Council was held for the purpose of acting upon the name of Mrs Edna M Trask who has expressed her desire to be received into membership: in the Society of Friends of Smithfield Monthly Meeting.

The meeting is unanimous in recommending to Monthly Meeting our approval of her request.

This being the only business of the meeting we conclude.

Lloyd C Arnold
Clerk.

7-29th-49

Meeting of Ministry & Council
held 7th Month 29th 1949.

This being the meeting to appoint representatives to Bolton Quarterly Meeting in 8th month 13th 1949 the following were appointed to attend:

Lloyd C Arnold - Meleta B Fisher

Adam Ewen - Russell Brooks

The Queries for Ministry & Council have been read by Melita B. Fisher.

A discussion on the Character of our Sunday morning meetings was presented by Russell Brooks. Various suggestions presented themselves and the matter was left open for our further consideration at some future date.

Our business being accomplished we conclude.

L. Loyd C Arnold
Clerk.

11-9-49

A Meeting of Ministry and Council was held 11th month - 9th - 1949.

The Queries were read by Etta Pendleton followed by a silent period that we might ~~cond~~ consider them. A letter from Yearly Meeting on Ministry & Council expressing a concern.

that each monthly meeting might consider more carefully, the duties assigned by the discipline has been read and considered. Russell Brooks, who was a member of this Committee gave us further information in regard to this concern.

An article in the Am Friend by Harold Tollefson of the 5 yr meeting entitled, "Speak To Israel Go Forward" - was read by L. Loyd Arnold. This article brought out their concern of the 5 yr. meeting of the responsibility of each member of the local meeting in offering their help, that our meeting might keep pressing forward.

A concern that Ministry Council members should become more active in greeting members each Sunday and especially the folks among us was expressed and approved by all present.

This being the meeting to appoint our representatives to Quarterly Meeting at Vonnoschet for 11th month, the following were appointed

Russell Ross
 Etta Bendleton
 Conlita Fisher
 Adam Ewen
 Joseph Ester

Our business being accomplished
 we conclude.

Lloyd C Arnold
 Clerk

4-3-50

meeting of Ministry & Council was
 held 4th month 3rd - 1950.

The meeting opened with a period
 of silence and devotion.

A letter of appreciation and as
 a reminder in regard to a previous
 concern of the yearly meeting letter
 of 4th month - 19th - 1949, was read.

The concern being that each monthly
 meeting consider more carefully the
 duties assigned to it by the discipline

A concern in regard to a group
 of our young people being invited
 to enter a preparatory class to be
 taught by Russell Brooks was
 discussed at length, and it seemed

To meet with unanimous approval that a class be formed and that a considered number of our young people be invited to enter this class for Quaker instruction, that they might later be invited to unite with our meeting.

A concern that certain associate members now on our roll be invited to become active members was also discussed at length and the approval of all present seemed to be that all Elder Associate member names be referred to Ministry & Council which will refer their names to monthly meeting for approval.

The reports ^{from} for the Spiritual Convention of the Monthly Meeting was referred to the meeting and it was recommended that the Clerk with the Pastor Russell Brooks prepare same for the Quarterly Meeting to be held at Worcester 5th month 1950

Adam Ewen who has just returned from a visit to Florida gave us a very interesting talk on conditions of various churches there and especially

referred to the Friends Meeting
which is always well attended
We appreciated very much this
talk and the interest that is
given to the various Protestant
Churches throughout the South
and the large attendance at
the meetings for E. Stanley Jones.

There being no further
business we conclude
I layd C Arnold
Clerk.

P.S.

Representatives appointed to Worcester
meeting of M. & C. 5th month 13 - 1950
are Russell Ross Adam Ewen
Melita Fisher Russell Brooks

Smithfield Monthly Meeting
on Ministry & Council Held
6th month - 19th - 1950.

The reading of the minutes of
last meeting have been read and
approved. The reading of the Queries
have also been given and a
period of silence allowed for their
consideration.

The following representatives
have been appointed to attend at
Boston for Quarterly meeting
To be held 7th m. - 12th 1950

Melita B Fisher

Russell Brooks.

Hensietta Pendleton

Adam Ewen

A Class of Quaker instruction,
given by Russell Brooks, for Young
People who have been considering
membership in our meeting,
has resulted in the following
names being brought to our attention
for our approval.

Margaret Follett

Douglas Follett

Gail Ross.

Melba Norall

Gloria Allen

Marcia Smith

Stewart Smith

After due consideration we are
united in our approval of rec-
ommending, the names of these young
people to Monthly Meeting for
membership in Smithfield Monthly
Meeting. It was also suggested
that Monthly Meeting be requested
to return (with the Clerks approval)

the copy of each candidates application, for their own retention.

A list of names of associates ~~names~~ members was brought to our attention, that we might consider recommending to Monthly Meeting said members be brought into active membership in our meeting if they so desire. After lengthy discussion as to how to proceed with the names on this list, the following recommendation was made: That Russell Brooks should personally contact those persons who are resident and that he send suitable letters to those persons who are non-resident. We are united in our appreciation to Russell Brooks for his devotion and fine work in class instruction for our young people.

There being no further business we conclude.

Lloyd C Arnold
Clerk.

11/-7-50

Meeting of Ministry & Council
held 11th Mo. 7th 1950.

The minutes of the last meeting
have been read and approved.

The queries have been read by
Russell Ross after which due
time was given to consideration
of them.

The following representatives
are appointed to attend quarterly
meeting session of M & C. To be
held at Noonsocket 11th Mo - 11th - 1950

Lloyd C Arnold - Melita B Fisher

Henrietta Pendleton, Mabel Thayer

We are all greatly saddened
to record the death of Helen France.
She has long been of great service
to us and it is with deep regret
that we make this note.

The Clerk of monthly meeting
reports that the applications of
the new candidates have been
returned to them for their retention
as suggested by Ministry & Council
with a personal letter to each
candidate.

A request by Russell Brooks
 To send out a book mark and
 letter to all members as has
 previously been done in connection
 with World wide Bible reading
 meets with our approval, with
 recommendation that ~~monthly~~ Monthly
 meeting be asked to take care
 of the expense involved.

There being no further
 business we conclude.

Lloyd C Arnold
 Clerk.

3/15/51

Meeting of Ministry & Council
 Held 3rd Mo 10th 1951.

The queries have been read by
 Melita B Fisher after which time
 for their consideration has been given.

A new Record Progress book -
 "Friends Advance" put out by five
 years meeting, which contains
 a series of charts for various departments
 of monthly meeting, to run over a
 period of five years has been considered

and Lloyd Arnold has been given permission to keep the necessary records outlined in said booklet.

It is hoped that with these records we shall be able to get a clear picture at any time as to whether we are really going ahead or losing ground in our Christian work.

We are united in recommending that Russell Brooks be instructed to proceed with a class of instruction for Associate Members and all others who are interested in becoming active members and that letters be written to non resident, associated members informing them of this class and urging them to consider full membership when they return to Noosachet.

We are united in recommending that Monthly Meeting be instructed to purchase 35 Paper Copies and 15 Cloth Copies of the new Edition of Faith & Practice to be distributed among the members. It is hoped that these copies will be financed by voluntary means.

We are very happy to welcome
Grace Mc Namara, who has
been appointed to serve with
us as our newest Elder.

We are united in granting the
request of Russell Brooks that
Ministry & Council recommend to
Monthly Meeting that the pastor
be given the opportunity to discuss
membership in our meeting for
Worship at his discretion.

The Clerk^{& M.C.} and the pastor
are appointed a committee to
draw up the report of the
Spiritual Condition of the
Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends
to be presented to the Monthly
meeting for their approval.

There being no further business
We conclude
Lloyd Arnold
Clerk

Meeting of M + Council was held
5th mo 8th 10th 1951

The Queries have been read by
Grace Mc Namara, after which
time was given for their con-
sideration.

The report of the spiritual condition
of Smithfield Monthly meeting of
Friends, as drawn up by the pastor
Russell Brooks, and the Clerk, has
been read and approved.

A request by Ministry and Council
that it be read soon in morning
worship was approved by M + C.

The following representatives to
attend the quarterly meeting of
M + C. To be held at Worcester
5th mo 12th 1951 have been appointed
and are as follows.

Grace Mc Namara

Russell Ross

Adam Ewen

Melita Fisher

The following ^{names of} candidates who have
taken a course of Quaker instruction
given by our pastor Russell Brooks
are presented to us for our consideration
in presenting their names to

monthly meeting for full membership
in Smithfield Monthly Meeting &
Friends.

Marjorie Doyle, Janice Smith,
Ernest Howard, Glenn Smith,
Emerson Mowry, Robert Mowry,
Beatrice Mowry,
Cynthia Mowry } for
Robert Jr. Mowry } associate members

We are united in recommending
to M.M. that they be received
into full membership. We also
feel very grateful to Russell
Brooks for the time and effort
he is giving in this class work.

Ministry & Council approval of
recommending to M.M. that when
the transfer letter of Beatrice Mowry
is received that she be given
full membership in the meeting.

A letter to be sent to non-Resident
Associate Members, (as requested by
M.C. at the March meeting) has
been read by Russell Brooks
and meets with our approval.
The letters are to go to the following
associate members:

Errol Carpenter Jr.; Kenneth Cook

Richard Mowry
 A letter to Robert Symes will
 be considered at a latter date
 when his status with us
 is cleared up

There being no further
 business we conclude

Lloyd C Arnold
 Clerk

Meeting of M+C was held
 8th mo. 9th 1951

The queries are read by Melita
 Fisher after which time was
 allowed for there due consideration

Representatives, as follows were
 appointed to attend Quarterly
 Meeting of M+C to be held
 at Bolton 8th month 11th 1951

Russell Ross	Adam Green
Melita Fisher	Lloyd C Arnold

There being no further business
 we conclude
 Lloyd C Arnold
 Clerk

A Meeting of Ministry & Council
 was held 11th month 6th 1951
 After the reading of the minutes of
 the last meeting the queries
 were read by Adam Ewen;
 after which due time was
 given for their consideration.

The following representatives were
 appointed to Quarterly meeting
 to be held at Noonsokbet
 11th month 10th 1951 -

Mabel A. Hayer, Adam Ewen,
 Melita B. Fisher and Russell Brooks.

Russell Brooks invited any suggestions
 which might help in any way our
 coming worship. He also brought
 out the fact that now we have
 accepted and are using the new discipline
 Faith + Practice we should endeavor
 to examine them very carefully that
 we might bring ourselves up to date.
 He gave us examples of some bad
 conditions that we should be careful
 to avoid, He also reflected on one
 of the good examples of our meeting
 in that we are increasing the number
 of Elders which gives us a chance
 to use more members who are
 worthy and eligible.

The Status of Robert Symes who

is now listed as an associated member; but ^{who} has now become a member of the Episcopale Church has been considered and it seems to be the opinion that we should wait until a later meeting when we will again discuss that matter and take definite action in regard to his membership with us.

The status of our non resident associate members has again been considered and we are united in sending them a follow up letter at a later date.

We are still concerned about some of our other members who are now attending churches of other denomination and this matter will be given more lengthy discussion at future meetings.

In regard to Russell Brooks idea for suggestions to improve our morning worship; we are united in trying a series of sermons which shall be based on bible readings given out in advance.

There being no further business we conclude

Lloyd C Arnold
Clerk

Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends, Memorial For Arthur Santmier

- We were deeply moved to learn
of the passing on 12th month, 16th 1951
of Arthur Santmier, age 70, of
Friendsville, Tenn.

We are reminded of his devoted
service to our meeting from 1931
to 1936.

many years of his life, he
devoted to missionary work, especially
ministering to the Indians in the
far north, and Western U.S.
The influence of his untiring
service to this missionary work
is still strongly felt in our own
meeting.

many Friends who came under
his Christian influence were
greatly helped in making their

follow Christ.

His ministry with us will long be remembered for his devoted interest in Church and public activities.

Faithful to the end he served his last years as field secretary for Friendsville Academy, and as minister at the Knoxville meeting in Tenn.

We feel greatly rewarded for the years Arthur Santmier and his lovely family were with us.

It can be truly said of Arthur Santmier's Christian love for the unreached,

O teach me Lord, that I may teach,
The precious things thou dost impart,
And wing my words, that they may reach
The hidden Depths,
Of many a heart.

A Meeting of Ministry & Council
 was held 2nd Month 29th 1952
 The minutes of the last meeting were
 read and approved.
 The queries were read by Melita B
 Fish.

The Clerk and the pastor Russell Brown
 were appointed a Committee to draw
 up the report of the spiritual Con-
 dition of the monthly meeting to be
 presented at the April monthly
 meeting for its approval.

A letter of request for membership
 in Smithfield monthly meeting has
 been received from Hilma Smith
 which also request Associate membership
 for her 2 children Kerney and
 Kevin. We are united in recommend-
 ing this request to monthly meeting
 for action.

A letter of recommendation from
 St James Episcopal Church of Nooneshot
 of which church Hilma is a member
 has also been received and read
 and we are united in recommending
 this letter to com. for their approval.

~~A sign~~

It was thought advisable that
 we ask Kenneth Smith who is

already a member of our meeting
to sign the request of Wilma Smith
for membership.

There being no further business
we conclude

Stacy C. Arnold
Clerk

- (*) The subject of presenting
newly married couples with
a book written by S. Elton Trueblood
was held over to next meeting.

3/21/52.

A meeting of Ministry and Council
was held 3rd Month 21st 1952.

The queries are read by Henrietta
Pendleton after which time was
allowed for their consideration.
The reading of the last minutes
were read.

We are glad to welcome to our
ministry and Council meeting Nellie
Fisher who was recently appointed
elder to our meeting.

We are also pleased to welcome

To our meeting who have been invited to meet with us tonight. Louise Taber and Emerson Mowry. A recommendation that we close our morning worship to meet with the schedule of Russell Brooks this summer is approved and as follows: July 20th - 27 - Aug 3rd 10th - 17th. A union service is to be held Aug 24th at our meeting house. This minute is referred to monthly meeting for their approval.

A recommendation that we secure a supply for Sunday April 20th at which time Russell Brooks will be in Richmond Ind. meets with our approval and we are united in inviting Leslie Barrett to bring the morning message. This minute is also referred to M.M. for their approval.

A concern that a sick committee from M.C. be appointed was discussed and it is suggested that Russell Brooks be appointed a committee of one to invite on various occasions members whom he would like to serve with him on visits. It was also suggested that we all take

take into consideration this duty
as an elder.

A concern has been received from
Mrs. Carl Ester in which she
requests if possible that her
children be made birthright members
of our meeting. We have considered
this request and find there is
no way in which we can meet
her request and advise that
she speak to the meeting she is
now attending of her status as a
Friend and that the problem
be taken care of by that meeting.
We are united in giving any
possible help and cooperation
in regard to the status of Carl Ester
who was at one time a member of
our meeting.

We have referred to M. M. this
concern for their approval.

We are united in continuing the
practice of presenting newly married
couples a copy of a booklet by
Elton Trueblood, ("The Common Ventures
of Life") provided one of the couple
is a member of this meeting.

A letter from Arnold Johnson -
 Minister of Slatesville Cong. Church
 requesting that we join in a
 union ^{Pentagost} service on June 1st
 has been read and we are
 united in cooperating with this
 plan.

The Status of Robert Symes has
 again been discussed and we
 are agreed to delay action on
 his name at this time.

Russell Brooks expressed the
 desire that we have an occasional
 evening meeting. We are united
 in cooperating with the evening
 meetings planned by the young
 people in the near future.

A Questionnaire on "Why A Meeting
 on Ministry & Council" has been
 received, which will be considered
 at Yearly Meeting on M & C.
 June ~~17~~ 17th 1952 and we are
 cooperating in filling this out
 for their consideration.

There being no further
 Business We conclude.

Lloyd C Arnold
 Clerk

4/25/52

Meeting of Ministry & Council
was held 4th mo 25th 1952.

The Queries have been read
by Lloyd Arnold

The minutes of the last meeting
have been read and approved

The report on the spiritual condition
of the Smithfield monthly meeting
has been read and approved
and referred to monthly meeting
for their approval.

The following representations
to M.T.C quarterly meeting to
be held at Worcester 5th mo
10th are appointed;

Adam Ewert;

Grace M. Numara. ✓

Nellie M. Fisher ✓

Russell Ross. ✓

The completion of the Questionnaire
why a meeting of Ministry & Council
was held over to next meeting
Friday 5th mo 16th

There being no further
business we conclude

Lloyd C Arnold
Clerk

5/16/52

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Meeting of Ministry and Council Held 5th mo - 16th 1952

The queries have been read and considered.

The minutes of the last meeting have been read and approved.

We are united in recommending to monthly meeting, that a copy of a booklet entitled "Growing Together in the family" by Seland Foster Wood be purchased for our library.

We are also united in recommending it as a gift book to young married couples of our meeting.

A concern that we consider a change of meeting night for our monthly meeting has been discussed and we are united in referring this matter to monthly meeting for their consideration.

As our next monthly meeting night falls on a holiday week end May 30th we approve changing this meeting night to Monday June 2nd.

Russell Brooks has been requested to announce this change at our next morning worship.

The questionnaire, "Why a meeting on Ministry and Council" has been completed and is as follows.

I This Body in Action

- A - We meet ~~each~~ about every 2 months
- B - As a usual thing our meeting lasts about one and one half hours.
- C - We believe our m+c meeting is functioning effectively in the following work or projects:
 - 1 - Keeping our associates list up to date
 - 2 - Giving consideration to morning worship and advising changes occasionally for better meeting our needs.
 - 3 - Being responsible for class instruction in Quakerism to young Friends.

II Our Strong points and Weaknesses (in spirit as well as action)

- A - We believe we are strongest in;
 - 1 - A feeling of unity and Cooperation with our Pastor
 - 2 - Being well represented by the

Different organization of the meeting,
now having 9 members on our
Ministry & Council.

3. Being able to maintain our
Quaker influence over the
various organizations in our
meeting, even without any
of our non-members being critical

B. We seem to be weak in:

1. Visitation
2. Vocal ministry
3. Outreach

III The Duties of Ministry & Council
as we conceive them, are;

1. Visitation
2. Taking active part in meeting
3. Cooperative work with pastor
4. Keeping harmonious relations
in meeting.
5. To see that all members are
used according to their ability,
6. To see that all members are
informed in the way they should
live according to the testimonies
of our faith.

This questionnaire was requested.

by yearly meeting on Ministry
and Council for their consideration
and discussion at next yearly
meeting session.

There being no further business
we conclude

Lloyd C Arnold
Clerk

7/25/52

At Smithfield Local Meeting of
Ministry and Council held at
Woonsocket 7th month 25th 1952

The following friends are appointed
as representatives to attend quarterly
meeting on Ministry and Council
to be held at Bolton, Mass.

Aug. 7th 1952:

Melita Fisher

Lloyd C Arnold

Adam Ewen

Grace McManara

As plans are under way to remove
the Bolton Meeting house to the
Sturbridge Village, this will probably
be our last opportunity to meet
together at Bolton. It is hoped
that all representatives ~~and~~ as
will make a special effort to
be present.

There being no further business
to be presented

We conclude

Lloyd C Arnold
Clerk

P.S.

The minutes of the last meeting
have been read and approved

The queries have also been read
and considered

9/9/52

② The minutes of the last
meeting ~~are~~ have been read and approved

① At Smithfield Local Meeting of
Ministry and Council held at Noonsocket
9th month 9th 1952, the queries
have been read and time given
for their consideration.

③ The following representatives to
attend quarterly Meeting on Ministry
and Council to be held at Noonsocket
11th month — 1952 were appointed
Melita Fisher, Henrietta Pendleton,
Grace Mc Namara, Russell Brooks,
Lloyd Arnold

A request has been received from Agnes H. Smith for withdrawal of her name from our membership list. We are united in feeling that this request should be delayed until further investigation of her desire for such a request has been carefully considered.

It is the feeling of Ministry and Council that a personal visit by members of Ministry and Council would be helpful.

Hennette Pondleton and Lloyd C. Arnold, Clerk of M+C, are appointed to confer with Agnes Smith in regard to this request and report their findings to Monthly Meeting for approval.

Russell Brooks informs us that the class of religious instruction (of the public school pupils) which he is teaching will have a great deal of our Quaker background work this year.

Russell Brooks has agreed to call on David Wilson at his convenience.

There being no further business
We conclude
Lloyd C. Arnold
Clerk.

4/17/53

At Smithfield Local Meeting of
 Ministry and Council held 4th Month
 17th - 1953, the minutes of the last
 Meeting have been read and approved.
 The queries are read by Melita Fisher
 and time for their consideration is
 given.

This being the time to appoint
 representation to Quarterly Meeting
 session of M & Council the following
 are appointed from this meeting,
 Mabel Thayer, Grace McNamara,
 Adam Ewen, Melita Fisher.

The report of the spiritual condition
 as prepared by the Clerk of M & C
 and the Pastor Russell Brooks.
 has been read and approved
 and referred to Monthly Meeting
 for their approval.

The Committee attending on
 Agnes Smith has reported their
 finding to Monthly Meeting.

There being no further
 business we conclude.

Lloyd C Arnold
 Clerk.

10/16/53

At a meeting of Smithfield local meeting of Ministry and Council held 10th Mo. - 16th - 1953, the minutes of the last meeting are read and approved.

The queries are read and Russell Ross, Grace Mc Namara Adam Ewen, and Mabel A Thayer are appointed as our representatives to attend quarterly meeting session of Ministry and Council to be held at Noonsodet, 10th month 18th.

Under New business several concerns are brought to our attention for discussion and further consideration.

First a concern that the Elders be encouraged to share the facing seat with our Pastor.

Second a concern is brought to our attention that we should be thinking about a more effective program of Adult Education. The following ideas were given consideration.

Type of Program

Age groups to be included

The following needs of an adult group were also discussed.

- 1- That we should try to keep the interest of our young adults to provide a class.
- 2- That a class for the parents of children in our Sunday school who find a need for further religious education might be organized.
- 3- It was brought to our attention that we have three age groups to consider 18-25 - 25-40 - 40 and over.

Some of the suggestions resulting from this discussion are as follows:

- 1- That we group young adults with young married groups.
- 2- That a Sunday evening meeting at stated intervals be tried, bringing together all adults for a hymn sing and prayer meeting.

Another concern by Russell Brooks was brought to us as to whether morning worship is adequate to all who come.

^{suggested}
 It was that we might all
 keep in mind ways in
 which our Sunday morning
 meeting could become
 more effective

Business being
 accomplished we adjourned

Lloyd C Arnold
 Clerk

3/26/54

Report of Ministry and Council
 Meeting, of Smithfield Local
 Meeting, held 3rd Month - 26
 1954 -

The minutes of the last
 meeting are read and approved

The queries are read with
 due time given for their consideration

This being the meeting before
 quarterly meeting we appoint
 the following representatives to
 attend the quarterly meeting on
 Ministry and Council:

Mabel A Thayer, Adam Ewen,
 Nellie Fisher.

A letter from N.E. Yearly Meeting of Friends requesting that we consider well this spring religious adult education for old and new members has been read.

We are united in feeling that a special meeting later in the spring should be called, at which time more detailed discussion on this important subject should take place.

The report of the spiritual condition of the local meeting of Smithfield M. M. is read and approved.

We are reminded, that we as Elders should be giving careful consideration to anyone whom we feel is ready to receive membership in our meeting.

There being no further business we conclude.

Lloyd C Arnold
Clerk.

5th/M/54

The meeting of MTC of the Smithfield
Local Meeting of Friends is held
5th month 1954.

The Quizzes are read and approved.
The minutes of the last meeting
are read and approved.

The representatives appointed to
attend Quarterly Meeting of MTC.
which is to be held at So Lopham
7th mo/ 1954 - 18th are as follows:
Russell Ross - Adam Even -
Grace Mc Namara and all who
are in attendance from Noon. MTC.

It is gratifying to receive the
following list of names of persons
for our consideration, whom we
feel might be interested in
memberships in our meeting -

Meredith Beaubein, Mrs Roy.
Emma Norall, Mrs Sawyer
Beverly Taber, Lois Follett,
Mrs James Hood, Mr James Hood.
Muriel Follett, Neil Even.

We are united in referring

The names of these people to our Pastor Russell Brooks that he may consider them and invite them to attend a class of instruction which he intends to conduct soon.

The small attendance of our Sunday School session seems to affect the interest of our M & C meeting. After talking this over we are united in feeling that we as elders should give this our careful consideration. Any recommendations for strengthening or increasing the attendance would be very welcome by our S. S. Staff and officers for their consideration.

There being several members whom we feel are possibly not interested in retaining their membership among us, it is suggested that we check the names of those whom we wish to contact and submit their names to Ministry & Council for further consideration.

Mention was made of a possible advantage of an earlier Morning worship service, but after careful discussion, we are of the opinion that no immediate change should be made.

Again the concern is expressed that some of the Elders should occasionally share the facing seat with our Pastor.

Russell Brooks feels that we should give more thought about our spiritual ministry in morning worship.

It is felt that perhaps a special meeting which could be held at someone's home might help us in expressing our spiritual ministry.

There being no further business, we conclude
 Lloyd C. Arnold
 Clerk.

7/14/54

At the Smithfield Local Meeting of Ministry and Council the minutes of the last meeting are read and approved.

The Queries are read after which due time was given for their consideration.

Russell Ross - Adam Ewen, Grace McNamara and all who may be in attendance from our M & C are the duly appointed representatives from the meeting held 5th mo. 1954 to attend quarterly meeting session of Ministry & Council to be held 7th mo. 18th - 1954 at the So Rybridge Meeting house.

A growing concern of the inactivity and lack of interest of several of our members has been brought to our attention for consideration.

After careful discussion our Pastor Russell Brooks, together with the Clerk of M & C are requested to draw up a letter of concern in regard to this matter and present it at the

next ministry and Council meeting for further consideration.

It is also suggested that if this letter is approved it should be sent out before our fall mailing schedule begins.

The list of names presented whom we feel should receive this letter follows:

Ruth Buttle Jones

Douglas Follett

Margaret Follett Hicks

Kenneth and Richard Cook

Florence Smith Buck

E. Howard Dickey

Melba Narrall Tennant

Mr + Mrs Enall Carpenter + 2 children

Dorothy Lapham Mowry

William Pauley

Francis Robbins

Austin Wilson and 9 children

David Dickey

Rachel Smith

Shirley Drake Chadwick

Frank Goodwin

Marion Green

Evelyn Penon

Russell Brooks reports he has called on all persons who were named on the new membership list of 5th mo - 1954 with the exception of Mrs Roy. His report in detail states the results of his visit with each one.

He also reports calling on Edna Pratt, Janet Keene, and Mrs Ernest Howard in regard to their taking out membership with us.

He mentions the fact that 3 classes of instruction have already been held, but feels that it would be to our advantage to hold the other classes at a later date.

A matter of business referred to Ministry and Council from the Monthly Meeting dealing with the closing of our morning worship services during the month of August and the first Sunday in Sept has been given our consideration. We are united in feeling that we should try an unprogrammed type of meeting during this period.

The clerk is instructed to

ask Marcia Smith and Doris
Murray To serve as Hostess for
the first meeting in August

make
arrangements

with instructions To continue
these unprogramed meetings.
during the rest of the period
if it seems advisable.

The Elders in attendance at
the next quarterly meeting
session are urged to share
the facing seat

Our business being
accomplished, we adjourn

Lloyd C Arnold
Clerk

10/14/54

Smithfield Local Meeting of Ministers
and Council is held at 10th Mo.
14th 1954.

The Quieres are read and ^{considered} approved.
The minutes of the last meeting
are read and approved.

A letter of transfer of membership
from Mrs Robert Brindle of the
Globe Congregational Church has
been received and approved and
referred to monthly meeting for
their approval.

A request ^{from Lottie Brindle} for membership (
in our meeting has been
read and approved and referred
to monthly meeting for their
approval.

This being the time to appoint
representatives for our quarterly
selecting session to be held
at Naamsoket, 2nd Mo., 1954.

We appoint Mabel A Thayer
Addam Ewen and Grace McNamee.
To act as our duly appointed representatives.

The Elders attending quarterly meeting

Morning worship service are urged to sit on the facing seat.

A personal letter of concern which has been drawn up by request of MTC to be sent to all disinterested persons in our meeting is read by Russell Brooks.

We are united in feeling that this letter should be held up until after our Roll Call Supper and that the full membership list should be brought to the following MTC meeting for further consideration.

Monthly Meeting refers to Ministers and Council for action, a concern from several members for a special unprogrammed type of meeting to meet their needs. We are united in feeling that it might be well to try this on a week night.

The second Friday of the month at 7:30 has been approved for this special meeting and if this meets the need to continue on that schedule.

Russell Brooks has requested that he desires to attend the Hartford ^{Inst} Institute on Nov 14th if possible.

We are united in granting his request and leaving arrangements for supply Pastor for that Sunday in his hands.

This being all business before us.

We conclude.

Lloyd C Arnold
Clerk.

Smithfield Local Meeting of MFC
is held 1st month 12th 1951

The minutes of the Last meeting
are read and approved.

The Queries are read and considered

It is proposed that we discontinue
for the present winter months
the special unprogramed meetings
which were being tried out
during week nights at stated
periods.

A new suggestion was given
that we might try a hymn
sing once a month on a
Sunday evening with a social
hour following.

A Questionnaire addressed to Monthly
Meetings regarding The Content
of the Forthcoming 1957 Conference
of Friends in America, called by
the Friends World Committee, which
is to be held at Wilmington College
Wilmington Ohio in Late June
and early July, 1957 has been

read and we agree to give this consideration before the conference takes place.

The report of the spiritual condition of the m. m. has been referred to Russell Brooks, Russell Ross and Mae Todd for to be presented at the next mrc meeting for approval.

The following representatives to attend g. m. session of mrc at Worcester on 1st month - 16th - are appointed.

They are Joseph Ester, Melita Fisher, Adam Ewen, Russell Ross.

A suggestion by Russell Brooks - that the Pastor and the clerk of mrc with Nellie M. Fisher and Henrietta Pendleton go over the list of disinterested members and bring in at the next mrc meeting specific recommendation to be referred to Monthly meeting for approval.

Russell Brooks suggests that it would help m. m. attendance

if full committee would be present at m.m. when reports are made.

There being no further Business we conclude

Lloyd C Arnold
Clerk.

3/24/55.

A meeting of m+c. is held -
3rd month 24th - 1955

The queries are read and considered.

The minutes of the last meeting are read and approved.

The report of the Spiritual condition of the Smithfield m.m. is read by Russell Ross and approved - and referred to m.m. for approval.

We are united in feeling that for various reasons it would be well to wait for a more

convenient time to try out the suggestion of frequent Sunday evening hymn sings. One reason given was that the young people group has recently become active again and are meeting at present each Sunday evening.

The suggestion was given that later we might occasionally unite for a Sunday evening program.

The committee appointed to report findings and results of their contacts with disinterested members request more time for their work to be accomplished and desire to report at the next MTC meeting.

This being the meeting to appoint representatives to Quarterly meeting MTC session we appoint Russell Ross - Marie Todd - Mabel Thayer - and Joseph Estes as our representatives.

Quarterly meeting will be held at Noonschoet 4th Mo - 17th

There being no further Business closed -
We conclude - Lloyd Clum

At the Meeting of Ministry & Council
held 7th Month 17th 1955

The Queries are read and considered.

The minutes of the last meeting
have been read and approved.

This being the meeting for
making appointments of representatives
To quarterly meeting ministry and
council to be held at So. Widge
meeting House in 7th month
we appoint all who may be in
attendance from our m+c meeting
To act as representatives.

A Letter has been received and
read from Russell Brooks tendering
his resignation as Pastor of our
meeting To take effect as of.

Oct 1st 1955. With most sincere
regrets we are united in accepting
his request, and approve a suggestion
by Russell Brooks that the news
be released to the press as soon
as possible.

The name of Milton Hadley has
been mentioned as one who might

be willing to accept a call
to our meeting. We are united
in appointing a committee to confer
with Milton Hadley in regards to
this matter. We appoint
Melita Fisher and Lloyd Arnold
to attend to this matter and report
their findings to monthly meetings
at 7th mo 29th -

At the request of monthly meeting
we are to assume the advisability
of keeping our meeting open
during ~~July~~ and August.

A suggestion by Etta Pendleton that
we appoint a committee to work
out a suitable program for the
morning worship during the month
of August is approved, and we
appoint Doris Moury, Etta Pendleton
and Mae Todd to attend to this
matter and bring in their suggestions
at the next monthly meeting
7th mo - 29th.

The Club is requested to draw
up a minute on the resignation

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of Russell Brooks as Pastor of
Our Meeting and present it
at our next meeting of Members
and Council

There being no further
business to be presented we
conclude

Lloyd C. Arnold
Clerk

10/13/55

Southfield Monthly Meeting of MTC
of Friends is held at Noonsocket
10th mo - 13th 1955

Melita Fisher has read the Quaker
after which due time was given for
their consideration.

Appointment of representatives to our
next quarterly meeting of M + Council
to be held at Noonsocket on 10th
mo - 16th 1955 are as follow:

Adam Ewen, Etta Pendleton,
Melita B. Fisher, Russell Ross, and
Grace McNamara

Etta Pendleton reports that she attended the seminar held at Allen Neck, this month which included members from the following monthly meetings:

Allen Neck. - Smith Neck,
New Bedford, Providence,
Smithfield, and Central Village.

The Seminar was divided into three parts or headings for convenience of those interested,

- One Part for members of M+C.
- One Part for Secretaries & Treasurers
- One Part for Clerks and Ministers.

Etta reports the seminar was well attended and quite successful.

Members who are on the Pastoral Committee appointed by Ministry and Council report that as yet they have not had much success in securing a Pastor for our meeting.

Minutes for R. B.

Mem for Russell Smith

3/29/56

mrc 7

At a meeting of Smithfield
Monthly Meeting of Friends held
3rd mo - 29th 1956 at Woonsocket
The queries are read by Russell
Ross and time allowed for their
consideration.

We appoint the following
representatives to attend quarterly
meeting of Ministry and Council
to be held in Worcester 4th mo
1956:

Melita B Fisher, Russell Ross
Adam Ewen, Grace Mc Namara
Etta Pendleton.

The minutes of the last meeting
have been read and approved.

The report of the Spiritual Con-
dition of the Smithfield Monthly
Meeting as prepared by the ~~Pres~~
Clerk has been read and approved.

The pastoral Committee report
that several contacts have been
made in regard to securing a
pastor for our meeting but
but cannot report any definite

Progress as yet.

There being no further
business to come to our attention
we conclude.

Lloyd C Arnold
Clerk.

7/12/56 A meeting of M^r Council
of Springfield monthly meeting of Friends
is held at Worschet 7th mo - 12th 1956

The minutes of our last meeting
are read and approved.

We appoint the following members
to represent us at the next quarterly
meeting session of Ministry and Council
to be held at So Uxbridge in
July 1956.

Etta Pendleton, Adam Even
Melita Fisher, Lester Taber
Nellie Fisher.

Lester Taber has read the
queries and time has been given
for their consideration.

Our attention has been brought
 To bear on the indictment of
 a young Friend who has been
 active in our meeting recently.
 Gerald Smith who is a son
 of one of our members has taken
 the extreme stand as a conscientious
 objector and as a result has been
 indicted as a draft violator.

We are approved in offering our
 assistance in any way we can
 and the clerk is instructed to
 communicate with Gerald to this
 effect.

There being no further business
 we conclude.

Lloyd C Arnold
 Clerk

9/20/56

At the Smithfield Monthly Meeting of
 mrc of Friends held 9th mo 20th 1956
 The minutes of the last meeting
 have been read and approved.

The queries are read by M. B. Fisher
 and time given for their consideration.

Lloyd Arnold reports that he has conferred with Gerald Smith in regard to his trial for Draft Violation and finds that Gerald feels that there is nothing we can do at present because he has made up his mind to take the extreme penalty for his conviction. However he appreciates our interest in his case and will keep us informed as to the developments in the case.

It is felt that we should keep in mind Gerald's Trial and give him all the necessary support we can.

Adam Even, Mae Todd, Lester Taber, Grace Mc Namara, Etta Perdition are appointed representatives to our next quarterly meeting - Ministry & Council meeting to be held at Woonsocket 10th mo. 1956.

A letter from Milton Hadley is read by Melita Fisher in which he recommends that the Program ^{Committee} ~~we~~ allot a period of 20 minutes each to the following committees

at the next G. M. Session
 Christian Education
 Peace & Social Concerns.
 Missionary
 Young Friends.

We are approved in this recommendation
 being carried out by the Program
 Committee.

A request for transfer of member-
 ship has been received from
 Isabel Butler, and George
 W. Pauley. In order that ~~we~~
 these letters of Transfer may be
 given at once we approve &
 having Melita Fisher send
 these letters before our next
 regular monthly meeting. We
 regret the loss of these members
 from our meeting but wish them
 well in their new affiliation.

Rev Paul Husted who is now
 doing our pastoral work - informs
 us that he is anxious to exchange
 ideas with us. He suggests
 that a Sunday ^{AM} Program of Worship
 could be used effectively and that
 also a new letter would be

of value to the congregation.
 He informs us that he would gladly head a committee appointed to take care of this matter with one member of MTC helping out. We are informed by Paul Husted that he will teach a Senior High School group in Rel. Education in released Time Public School Program.

A discussion of our morning worship is thoroughly gone into and we are united in approving a three part program, namely

- 1-Part for Singing Scripture etc.
- 1-Part for Silent Communion
- 1-Part for Sermon

A concern that some form of prayer or thank should be given at our offering has been brought to our attention, and we are united in leaving this concern with our Pastor for his discretion.

We desire to recommend to
 Monthly Meeting that a letter
 of Welcome be extended to
 the members of the Pres Church
 to feel free to worship with
 us on Sunday Mornings.

This is due to the fact that
 the Pres Church has recently
 laid down their church activities
 in Woonsocket and possibly may
 wish to feel the freedom of worship
 at other churches.

There being no further
 business we conclude.

Lloyd C Arnold
 Clerk

1/13/57

A meeting of Ministry & Council of the Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends is held - 1st Month 13th 1957

The Queries are read by Lester Tabor after which due consideration was given.

We Welcome as new members of Ministry & Council Bessie Ewen and Ruth Smith who were approved as Elders at our last Monthly Meeting.

A letter from the Central Advisory Committee (Grace P. Atkins, Chairman) advises us of the availability of our Field Sec. Milton Hadley to serve local meetings (for Special Meetings) Possibilities which we considered were:

meetings with Elders & Interested Friends -
meetings with concerned groups such as P & S C - Missionary, Christian Ed. Stewardship & Finance

Leading a Discussion Group on some subject such as
Christian Home Life - Membership with Friends or the Task of Elders

It was felt that we could hold a cover dish Dinner on Sunday of the Week End available with a general Discussion on one of these Subjects following.

Bessie Ewen and Ruth Smith were appointed Co-Chairmen for the Dinner - The meeting to furnish coffee.

The Clerk was advised to try and secure tentative dates of a Sunday and Monday for the last Week End in Feb or any week end in March.

We are in receipt of a letter from Gloria Allen requesting that her membership with our meeting be withdrawn. This letter is dated Dec 31 - 1956

A letter from Walter Allen ^{Thos Allen} Dated Dec 31 - 1956 also requests the withdrawal of his name from our meeting.

These requests are referred to Rev Paul Husted and Etta Pendleton for personal contact with Gloria and Walter Allen in regard to the above written requests and report their finding at the next Regular

monthly meeting -

Kenneth Strobel, Rev Paul Huston
Mrs Huston and Dorothy Huston
have expressed their desire to become
active members of Our meeting.

We are unanimous in approving
their request ^{and} refer their request
to monthly meeting for approval.

The names of
Pauline Paul and Carl Huston
children of Rev Paul & Mrs Huston
are referred to monthly meeting
for approval as associate members.

A concern of Mrs Godwin that
her children have not been
christened has been brought
to our attention. We feel
that the extending of the hand
of fellowship during a Sunday
Evening worship might be
a satisfactory explanation of
the way of Friends for Mr Godwin.
Paul Huston has agreed to
confer further with Mrs Godwin
in regard to this matter.

We are united in bringing
forth to our next Regular

Monthly Meeting recommendations
 To hold our next Quarterly Meeting
 Session on April 28th 1957

Sister Tabor brings to our attention the importance of keeping in closer contact with our members who are not attending regular. After considerable discussion the Clerk is instructed to bring in a list of the names of members who will feel are unable ^{to attend} or possibly disinterested in our meeting to the next regular monthly meeting and that these names be discussed for further action.

Our business being accomplished
 we conclude

Lloyd C Arnold
 Clerk

3/29/57 A meeting of Ministry and Counsel of Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends was held Third Month 29th, 1957.

In the absence of the Clerk, Melita B. Fisher served for the day.

The Queries were read by Russel Ross with time given for their consideration. Those who may attend the Meeting of Ministry and Counsel in Worcester, Mass. at Quarterly Meeting on Fourth Month 7th, will serve as our Representatives.

The report of the Spiritual Condition of this Meeting has been read and approved.

The name of Donald J. Ross is received by this Meeting as wishing to join Smithfield Monthly Meeting. We approve of recommending this request to Monthly Meeting for action.

To welcome our new members into the Monthly Meeting, the Clerks, the pastor, Russel Ross, Eunice Meader, Lester R. Taber are appointed to this service, receiving them Easter Sunday, Fourth Month 21.

Having received word that Ruth Jones Battle, William Varney, Shirley Nelson De Jongs

Francis Robbins, Grace Allen Dzialo have joined other denominations we recommend that their names be taken from our membership list.

No further business appearing we conclude.

Melita B. Fisher, clerk for the day

12/19/57

at Smithfield Meeting of
Ministry and Council

A Special Meeting of Ministry and Council was held April 19 To consider the name of Ruth L. Smith for active membership in the Society of Friends; having been a member of Greenville Baptist Church.

The meeting was unanimous in recommending to Monthly Meeting the request of Ruth L. Smith.

This meeting feels that Paul M. Husted, a former minister of another Denomination, having united with Friends should be recognized as a Friends Minister.

We would recommend this matter to Monthly Meeting for its approval.

Melita B Fisher
Clerk for the Day

4/26/57

A Meeting of Ministry and Council of the Smithfield Monthly Meeting Friends was held Sixth Month 26th 1957.

The minutes of the special meeting of Ministry and Council held fourth month 19th 1957 have been read and approved.

At the special meeting of Ministry and Council held fourth month 19th 1957 it was felt that our Pastor (Rev. Paul Huston, a former minister of another denomination, should ~~be~~ have his name recommended to Monthly Meeting for recognition as a Friends Minister. This matter now is to be held over to a later date.

The queries are read by Grace

the Namara, and due time given
for their consideration.

Bessie Ewan, Ruth E. Smith
Russell Ross, Lester Tabor
Mollie Fisher, Nellie Fisher
are appointed representatives to
attend the next quarterly meeting
session on Ministry and Council
to be held at Keshelodge, Mass
Seventh month 21st 1957.

We are approved in closing our
meeting for worship the 1st four
Sundays in August and opening
our worship services the 1st week
in September. We also approve
allowing the 1st two weeks in
August with full pay to our
Pastor as vacation period.

As this is the time to consider
the matter of calling our Pastor
for another years service, we
appoint the following Committee
to wait upon our Pastor, Lester
Tabor, Russell Ross, Lloyd Arnold.
We are united in recommending
to this Committee, that they
discuss several concerns of the

meeting with our Pastor
and that they report their
findings at the meeting on
Ministry and Council in July
before the July Monthly Meeting.
We feel that the question of time
he will be able to give us
in dealing upon the such and
section, and whether he feels
he is satisfied with the present
arrangements necessary to promote
harmony and ministry in our
meeting should be thoroughly
discussed for our mutual service
and benefit.

Upon the request of Anne and
Errol Carpenter and family we
recommend to Monthly Meeting
that their names be withdrawn
from our memberships as they
are now no longer residing in
this area we feel with regret
that this action be taken
at once.

We are united in recommending
to Monthly Meeting that a request to
allow our meeting house to be used
for a Union Service on the 2nd Sunday

in August or quarter.

There being no further business
we conclude.

Lloyd C Arnold
Clerk.

7/26/57

A Meeting of Smithfield Local
Meeting of Ministry and Council
Held 7th Month 26th 1957.

The minutes of the last meeting
are read and approved.

The queries are read and due time
given for their consideration.

The Committee consisting of Lester
Tabor, Russell Ross and Lloyd Arnold
appointed at the last meeting of
Ministry and Council for the
purpose of conferring with our
Pastor Rev Paul Husted, in regard
to his call for another years
service and also for the purpose
of discussing several concerns of
the meeting report their findings.

During the discussions of the Committee and the Pastor the following problems were seriously talked over -

(1) As to whether he would be able to give us more time this next year for calling on the sick and shut-in -

(2) As to whether he felt it would be possible for him to use notes rather than reading his messages.

(3) As to whether he felt we could be more cooperative in helping him in his work with us.

To all of these concerns we did not agree in our findings and reports to the Ministry and Council. After considerable discussion in regard to our findings the members of Ministry & Council not being united in their feelings in regard to recommendations which should be sent to Monthly Meeting for their approval, it was decided to refer the matter back to Monthly Meeting for discussion and decision.

We note with deep sorrow the passing of Adam L. Ewen an Elder for many years. His judgment

and consistant attendance at all Ministry and Council meetings and also his devotion in the whole meeting, assisted greatly in the work of the Church. He was realy a true and devoted member of our meeting.

The business being accomplished we close purposing to meet at the call of the Clerk.

Lloyd C Arnold
Clerk

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4/10/58

A meeting of Ministry and Council of the Local Meeting of Smithfield Monthly Meeting is held fourth month 10-1958

The reading of the minutes of the last Ministry and Council are read and approved.

The queries having been read by Bessie Ewen have been give due time for their consideration.

We appoint the following
representatives to attend quarterly
meeting at Worcester to be held
fourth month 28th 1958:

Russell Ross
Etta Pendleton
Melita Fisher
Nellie Fisher
Bessie Ewen
Ruth Smith

In response to a concern which
has been with this meeting for
some time we approve referring
the following list of names of
members of this meeting to the
monthly meeting for action in
discontinuing their names because
of disinterest in the meeting.

Shirley Chadwick
Frank Goodwin
Ernest Howard
Rachel Smith
Herbert Tremoweth
Austin Wilson
Mary Wilson
Margaret Wilson
David Wilson
Edna Wilson
Ernest Wilson (asso) member

David Wilson Jr.
 Joan Wilson
 Ralph Wilson
 Russell Wilson

We approve making a recommendation to Monthly Meeting to extend a call to our Pastor George Jones to minister with us for another year.

We approve granting a sum of Ten Dollars be sent to the Central Committee for CO's and would recommend this to the Monthly Meeting for their action.

The Clerk of Ministry and Council and the Clerk of Monthly Meeting are appointed to draw up the Spiritual Condition report and forward to the next Monthly Meeting for their approval.

There being no further business we conclude.
 Lloyd C Arnold
 Clerk.

10/17/57

A Meeting of Ministry and Council
of the Smithfield M/M/F Friends
was held 10th month 17th - 1957

The minutes of the last meeting
were read and approved

Lester Taber read the Queries
and time was given for their due
consideration

The following members were
appointed as representatives to attend
the next Quarterly Meeting
on M & Council

Joseph Ester, Mae Todd, Bessie
Ewen, Etta Pendleton, Lester
Taber and Russell Ross.

We are invited in bringing to the
attention of the next Quarterly
Meeting, a concern of the Smithfield
M/M/F recommendations for
examining the set up of the
Quarterly Meeting Program

We welcome among us this
evening the presence of George
Jones, who has now accepted

the position is pastor of our meeting

George Jones informs us that he has already made several calls on members of the meeting, but feels that it would be more practical to have members of the M + Council call with him on occasion if possible and requests that we inform him of any cases where his services should be needed.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned, purposing to meet at the call of the Clerk.

Lloyd C Arnold
Clerk

10/31/58

A Special Meeting of M + Council of the Smithfield Monthly Meeting has been called on 10th month 31st 1958, to take action on the request of Miss Stella Tits in regard to her letter of resignation.

After giving due consideration to this matter, we are united in recommending to Monthly Meeting that her request be granted with regrets.

Lloyd C Arnold
Clerk

March 1 - 1959

The local meeting of M.C. of the Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends is held 3rd month 1st Day 1959.

The minutes of the last meeting have been read and approved.

The queries were read by Melita Fisher and due consideration given.

Lloyd Arnold and George Jones are to report for the Quarterly Meeting Arrangements Committee at the March monthly meeting.

Lloyd Arnold and George Jones are appointed to prepare the report of the Spiritual Condition of the Smithfield M/M/ and present it at the March monthly meeting.

Russell Ross, Sister Taber, Ruth Smith, Bessie Ewen, Joseph Estes, and Nellie Fisher are appointed representatives to attend the ~~and~~ Ministry and Council meeting of the Quarterly Meeting which will be held at Worcester on Saturday 4th month - 8th 1959.

A concern has developed on the

need of being ever watchful for those who we feel should be invited into membership with us. Many fine suggestions were were brought forward, among which were bringing in new names for consideration and the appointing of some interested person to personally contact them.

The following people were named as persons who might consider membership in our Society:

Mrs Fournier

Mrs Lloyd Hanson

Mrs Ann DeNevers

In anticipation of a Discussion on "Outward Rules in Friends Meetings" To be brought up at the next Quarterly Meeting and Yearly Meeting it was suggested that we read the information relating to this subject in our Faith and Practice Manual, Pages 68-70 and also articles in the N.E. Friends Journals of recent dates, that we might become better acquainted with this subject.

A letter from Barbara Rhodes

requesting transference of her membership from this meeting to the Universalist Church, which she feels is necessary at this time, because of family relations with that Church, has been received, and we regretfully submit this request to monthly meeting for their consideration and action.

George Jones has brought to our attention the fact that it will probably be necessary to tender his resignation in the near future (possibly in Sept) as minister to our meeting, because of a full College schedule in the coming year; He advised us that we should take all necessary steps as soon as possible to obtain someone whom we would have as minister to our meeting.

We regret the decision that ~~Robert~~ George Jones finds it necessary to bring to our attention at this time.

A recommendation that Louis Marshall be contacted in regard to this matter, is made, and that he be requested to advise us at the next quarterly meeting.

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in regard to any person interested
in part time pastoral work.

There being no further business
we conclude

Lloyd C Arnold
Clerk

July 10 - 1959

Meeting of Ministry and Council of
the Smithfield M/M/F Friends is
held 7th mo - 10th - 1959

The ~~papers~~ are read by Melita
Fisher

Representation appt To quarterly
meeting To be held at Sturbridge
Village 7th mo - 18th at 1:30 PM
are as follows:

Nellie Fisher - Melita Fisher -
Joseph Estes - Lester Taber - and
all other who might attend.

A recommendation by Melita Fisher
that George Jones be allowed the
month of August for his vacation
is approved, and we refer this
recommendation to monthly meeting
for their approval.

We are united in feeling that our worship meeting should continue during the month of August. George Jones expresses his willingness to shift 2 weeks of his vacation to suit our arrangements if necessary. The Pastoral Committee will make the necessary contacts during the month of August. It is requested that we ask Robert Cool of the Providence meeting and possibly Gregory Harrison of the Worcester meeting to fill in as supplies.

It is felt that MTC should meet at regular periods and after due consideration we recommend meeting every two months, on the 1st Sunday afternoon of that month.

For sometime we have carried several members on our rolls, who have either moved to distant places or have become inactive or disinterested in our meeting and it has been the concern of this meeting for some time now that action should be taken in regard to this matter.

After careful deliberation the following

Names are presented with the request that they be dropped from membership in our meeting

Peter Dickey
 Paul Husted
 Laura Husted
 Lorothe Husted
 Paula Husted
 Paul Husted Jr.
 Carl Husted
 Douglas Tollett
 Adam Ewen Jr.

We approve the request that these members be dropped from our rolls and refer this matter to monthly meeting for their approval

It is hoped that we will be prepared at the next SNTC meeting to bring in recommendations in regard to one who we would have for our next Pastor.

We regret that George Jones finds it necessary to end his ministry among us, but we wish him well and success in his studies this next year

at college. Georg Jones reports that it is doubtful that Mr. Fawcett would be willing at this time to join our meeting but expresses his belief that Owen de Nevers might consider.

There being no further business we conclude;
 Lloyd C. Arnold
 Clerk

Sept 11-1959

A meeting of the D.M.C. of the Smithfield
 Monthly Meeting of Friends is held
 9th mo - 11th - 1959

The minutes of the last meeting
 are read & approved.

Bessie Eiven read the Gurnies and
 time was given for their consideration.

Bessie Eiven - Russell Ross - Nellie
 Fisher - Ruth Smith and others who
 might attend are appointed representatives
 to the next Quarterly Meeting to be
 held in Nonesuch on 10th mo - 17th 1959

We feel that Ralf and Jane Cook should be contacted in regard to transferring their membership to our meeting. Russell Ross has agreed to make this contact and report his findings as soon as possible.

Russell Ross recommends that the Clerk contact Robert Cool of Providence and invite him to bring the message for the next two ^{Sundays} Sept 30th and Sept 27th.

The Clerk is also requested to call a meeting of BNTE on Friday evening Sept 18 1959 at 7:30 P.M. and invite Robert Cool to be present at this meeting if convenient.

Questions we should be thinking about to discuss with him: —

Salary on basis of Com't of time available.

Salary for Supply Pastor.
Young Folks

Several requests have been received for rental of the parsonage and we are agreed that it would be better

To rent the parsonage at this time with the understanding, that if at any future time a full time pastor should be secured we would possibly need the parsonage.

at the present time Ralph and Jane Cook have been given 1st choice of rental with the understanding that if they are not interested, Beverly Tabor who is soon to be married would have second choice.

We are agreed on a rental fee of \$50 per month.

There being no further business we conclude.

Lloyd C. Arnold
Clerk.

Sept 20 1959

A meeting of Ministry and Council of the Smithfield M/M of Friends was held 9th mo, 20th 1959

The minutes of the previous meeting are read and approved

The queries are ~~are~~ read and time

allowed for their consideration.

At the last meeting of MTC the Clerk was requested to write Robert Cool and inform him that we would be pleased to have him visit with us, if convenient, at this meeting which is called for the specific purpose of conferring with him in regard to duties and pastoral work.

Among the concerns considered were the amount of time he would be able to give the meeting. He felt that he would equal time of that given by George Jones. He also felt that if an office could be established at the meeting house for weekend use, he could take care of getting out the worship programs and other necessary duties.

The discussion on salary resulted in an agreement of \$30 per week, and that an 8 month arrangement would be agreeable as a basis of the beginning of his ministry.

Young Peoples Groups were discussed and Robert Cool

felt concerned To offer his assistance in any way possible

Visiting of the sick and shut ins were also discussed and again he felt deeply concerned about this matter and assured us this would get his serious attention.

Robert Cool assured us that his week ends would be free for the service of our meeting unless an emergency might arise.

After careful consideration of other pertinent questions the Clerk was requested to advise monthly meeting of the findings of Ministry & Council for their further consideration.

Our business being accomplished we adjourned.

Lloyd C Arnold
Clerk





